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## Colombo under full alert

COLOMBO, Feb 13, (Agencies): The Defence Ministry today placed the capital under full alert following reports that more than 200 Tamil rebels slipped into Colombo to flee stepped up Indian operations in eastern Sri Lanka, officials said.

Sri Lankan military officials said some 7,000 Indian troops guided by an allied Tamil militant group staged helicopter-backed searches for a second straight day throughout the curfew-bound port of Batticaloa, 150 miles (240 km) east of Colombo.

They said about 400 men had been detained. Some were believed to be members of the Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam (LTTE), the powerful militant group that is thwarting a peace accord signed between New Delhi and Colombo last July to end the island's nearly five-year-old civil war.

**Parades**

Residents in Batticaloa said all but one of those rounded up were released hours after an identification parade at the town's sports stadium and two other places. The detainee is a university student.

The identification parades took place before men, hidden either by a mask or inside a tent, who were to point out to soldiers those who were members of the LTTE.

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Falaka: 20°C 68°F

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# Security Council discusses UN force for Gulf

ABU DHABI, Feb 13, (Agencies): The United Nations Security Council is discussing a Soviet proposal for UN naval force in the Gulf, a regional newspaper said today.

The force, which would replace around 80 warships now deployed in and near the waterway, would have the right of self-defence, Al Itihad said.

The paper did not specify the size of the suggested force, which it said would be financed by participating countries and sealane users, including shipping and insurance companies.

The United States, which has around two-thirds of the foreign ships in the Gulf, has rejected the idea of an international force.

## Impose

Moscow in turn has blocked a US attempt to impose an arms embargo on Iran for refusing to accept Security Council resolution 598, ordering a ceasefire in the Iran-Iraq war.

Itihad said the Soviet proposal was being discussed in return for Moscow's agreement to consider sanctions. It did not elaborate.

In the Gulf waters, an Iraqi jet raiding Gulf shipping brought warning shots from a US warship which feared it was in the firing line hours after what shipping sources said was an Iraqi missile attack on the wrong target.

The US destroyer Chandler, escorting four tankers, fired two flares from its five-inch guns when an Iraqi Badger bomber approached last night, pool reporters on the ship said.

## Attacks

The jet veered away and fired two Soviet-made C-601 missiles, one of which passed within eight miles of the warship.

Commander Steve Smith, captain of the Chandler, said he was concerned because Iraqi pilots often fire at radar blips without making sure what their targets really are.

"Having watched the geometry of their attacks for

some time, I was concerned that he would be firing his missile while he was heading toward us," Smith said over the ship's public address system after the incident.

In May 1987, the US destroyer Stark was struck by an Iraqi missile fired by an Iraqi fighter in the Gulf, killing 37 sailors. Baghdad said at the time the attack was an error.

Smith said both missiles passed astern of the Chandler, the last ship in the convoy, but that one of the rockets suddenly changed course and passed along the starboard side of the ship before veering away to the right.

Seconds later, it detonated, producing a bright flash on the horizon. There was no immediate indication whether the missile had hit a target or had crashed harmlessly into the sea.

Smith said he was prepared to try to shoot down the missile if it had appeared to be on a course that would strike any ship in the convoy.

## Ordered

He said he informed the Badger by radio that it was approaching a US convoy and ordered it to turn back. He said the Iraqi pilot, who did not speak English very well, did not seem to comprehend.

In Washington, the Pentagon confirmed the episode.

"The Chandler and its convoy were not the apparent targets of the attack," Air Force major Randy Morger, a Pentagon spokesman, said early today.

He said the Chandler, which was the rearmost ship in the convoy, spotted the Iraqi jet coming, warned it that it was too close and told it to break off the approach.

"When the jet did not, the Chandler fired warning flares and the jet then veered off and shortly thereafter apparently fired two missiles," Morger said.

An Iraqi military spokesman said today that Iraqi jets, one of them apparently the Badger which flew past the Chandler, attacked two big ships near Iran's oil terminal at Sirri Island in the southern Gulf last night.



An Israeli soldier fires at Palestinian youths who were hurling stones at the troops from rooftops in Nablus. (Reuters wirephoto)

## Ship of Return likely to set sail on Monday

ATHENS, Feb 13, (AP): Organisers of a planned "Ship of Return" voyage to Israel by Palestinian deportees said today they would definitely be sailing from Greece on Monday.

"Really, we are going on Monday," said Hanna Nasser, a member of the steering committee for the voyage.

Nasser, the deported president of Bir Zeit University on the West Bank, said he could not give any information about the type or nationality of the ship, or any other details.

## Delayed

The surprise announcement was made at a meeting of the steering committee along with international observers who are taking part in the PLO-sponsored voyage.

Only a few hours earlier, sources among the organising committee indicated they still didn't have a firm commitment on a ship.

But during the meeting PLO officials said the chances of sailing were now "101 per cent."

The vessel originally was scheduled to leave on Tuesday, (Continued on Page 2)

## Arabs hold talks on PLO office closure

UNITED NATIONS, Feb 13, (UPI): Arab states said yesterday the integrity of the United Nations is threatened by a US Justice Department decision to close the PLO mission.

Arab League Ambassador Clovis Maksoud addressed a closed session of the 21-nation group of Arab states called to decide on what action to take as a result of the decision to close the UN observer mission of the PLO.

"The most important thing is the integrity of the General Assembly," Maksoud told reporters after the meeting. "In our view, all the inviolates must have access to the General Assembly."

A Justice Department decision would be in keeping with legislation passed by Congress last year, and signed by President Reagan Dec 22, under which both the PLO mission in New York and the PLO office in Washington would be closed because the PLO has been defined as a terrorist organisation.

The PLO has observer status in the 159-member nation assembly that allows it to participate in

debates without the right to vote.

"Inasmuch as the PLO is an official invitee of the General Assembly, its access has to be complete, without any intrusion or interruption," Maksoud said.

"If the law that has been adopted is executed, then naturally our concern is that we must protect the integrity of the General Assembly and that would have to be done by a change of venue of the Assembly."

The Arab group's chairman, Bahrain Ambassador Karim Al Shaker, said after Friday's meeting the group will meet again on Wednesday to decide how to proceed. In the meantime, he said, the Arabs will lobby for support from other regional groups.

Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar said on Thursday in a report to the General Assembly he would initiate arbitration of the dispute by a tribunal under the provisions of the UN headquarters agreement with the United States.

A UN spokesman declined comment on reports the United Nations might offer office space to the PLO if the mission is closed.

## General strike cripples Dhaka

DHAKA, Feb 13, (AP): Bomb blasts and clashes with police injured at least 35 people today as opposition parties renewed their agitation to oust President Hossein Mohammad Ershad.

A general strike, which was to continue tomorrow, shut down most shops and businesses in Dhaka and other major cities. It was the 23rd strike since the major opposition parties launched their "Ershad must go" campaign last Nov 10.

The violence came on the heels of bloody street battles during local elections last Wednesday.

The government today raised its official death toll from the election-day clashes to 101. Most of the deaths occurred in clashes among supporters of rival opponents for seats on more than 4,370 village councils.

## Injured

Unofficial death counts in Bangladesh newspapers put the figure at 152. Thousands were injured.

Sheikh Hasina, leader of the opposition Awami League, said today she had reports of more than 350 deaths in the Wednesday carnage.

"My count is based on reports sent by my workers and supporters nationwide," she said. "We are still getting information from remote areas."

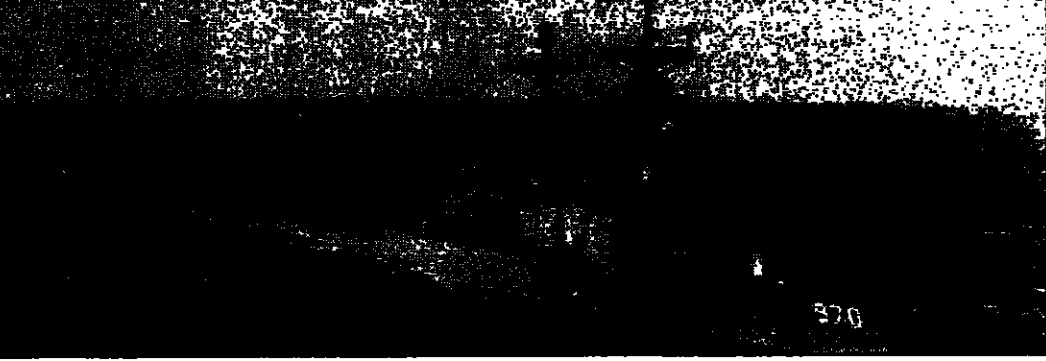
Today, as last Wednesday, much of the damage was done by home-made bombs, which are being used increasingly by political protesters.

At least 15 people were injured, six of them seriously, when a bomb was thrown at a state-run bus in Mirpur, a northern suburb of Dhaka, witnesses said.

Rubul Amin, a student who



File pictures of Krivak class Soviet light frigate (top) which intentionally bumped into a US warship and the American destroyer Caron (below). (Reuters wirephoto)



## Ship incident harms ties with US, say Soviets

MOSCOW, Feb 13, (Reuters): An incident in which Soviet and US warships collided in the Black Sea undermined recent improvements in superpower relations, the Soviet Union said today.

Foreign Ministry spokesman Gennady Gerasimov told a news conference the Soviet Union had issued an official protest to the United States over the incident yesterday in Soviet waters off the southern tip of the Crimean peninsula.

"We cannot help but view this serious and dangerous incident as undermining recent improvements in relations," Gerasimov said.

The US Defence Department

said yesterday that two Soviet frigates had intentionally bumped the US cruiser Yorktown and destroyer Caron in two incidents just inside the Soviet 12-mile limit. It said neither ship was seriously damaged.

## Rejected

A US protest about the incident was rejected yesterday by Soviet Ambassador in Washington.

Gerasimov said full responsibility for the incident lay with the United States, which had allowed its ships "to violate the Soviet border."

"Despite warning signals given by approaching Soviet vessels, the American ship did not

react. Having intruded, the US vessels manoeuvred dangerously and this led to a collision," he said.

Soviet naval spokesman Rear-Admiral Nikolai Markov denied that the Soviet vessels had deliberately rammed the US ships.

"The Soviet commanders had no such intentions. The collisions took place as a result of dangerous manoeuvres by the American vessels," he said.

Asked to specify the manoeuvres considered by the Soviet side to be dangerous, Markov said intrusion into Soviet territorial waters amounted to a

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## Uprising will go on till occupation ends: Arafat

CAIRO, Feb 13, (Agencies): The Palestinian uprising will continue until the end of Israeli occupation of Arab land, and may proceed from stone-throwing to the use of firearms, PLO chief Yasser Arafat said.

In an interview with the state-run daily Al Ahram, Arafat said: "Our people have decided to continue this uprising from one wave to another regardless of the loss and sacrifice."

His interview, conducted in the Tunisian capital, Tunis, appeared in an early edition of today's paper.

Violent unrest, mainly by stone-throwing youths, erupted in the Israeli-occupied Gaza Strip and West Bank on Dec 8. According to United Nations figures, 56 Palestinians were killed over the nine-week period, mostly by the Israeli Army.

## Detained

Arafat however, said 105 Palestinians were killed, 1,515 wounded and 7,000 detained.

"We have decided we will not allow the use of arms in this wave of uprising but we don't know if in the next development of the uprising we will resort to arms or not."

"This is a 'stone-revolution' in the face of tanks, but this does not mean we won't use arms at some point or another. It depends on the... behaviour of the Israeli Army."

Asked if the Palestinians were receiving support, Arafat said he had despaired of Arab promises of help which hadn't come through so far. He said the PLO leadership had arranged for each Palestinian family abroad to support a family in the occupied Arab territories.

## Framework

Arafat dismissed recent American diplomatic moves to revive stalled Middle East peace efforts as "nothing new."

"The US administration still has the same old state mentality. It still thinks of imposing self-administration on the densely populated areas in the West Bank and Gaza Strip, and of moving the Israeli Army to strategic areas... and of placing

an Arab, non-Palestinian police force.

"This is worse than Camp David," he said referring to the 1978 American sponsored framework for peace between Egypt and Israel that proposed Palestinian autonomy.

The Israeli Army today lifted a nine-day curfew imposed on Tulkrum, the fourth largest West Bank city, and scattered anti-Israel protests were reported in the West Bank and Gaza Strip.

In the northern port city of Haifa, about 3,000 Arab citizens of Israel and others held a demonstration to express solidarity with Palestinians in the occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip.

The leftist Peace Now Movement planned an evening rally in Jerusalem to press its demands for local municipal elections in the territories on condition the violent unrest ends.

Nablus, the largest West Bank city, was calm today, a day after soldiers shot and killed two protesters during a violent demonstration that erupted following prayers at the El Nasr mosque in the town's old city.

## Strike

Merchants throughout the West Bank kept their shops closed today, observing a call for a commercial strike announced yesterday.

In Jerusalem, police used tear gas to disperse rock-throwing youths in the Arab neighbourhoods of Anata and Jebel Mukaber. Four protesters were arrested, state-run Israel Radio reported.

A military spokesman said there were isolated, minor protests, but no injuries were reported. In Gaza, the UN refugee camps of Deir Al Balah and Shati remained under curfew as well as the West Bank camps of Jalazoun and Am'ari.

The Palestine Press Service reported clashes between demonstrators and soldiers in the Shati, Nuseirat, Khan Yunis and Mughazi refugee camps in Gaza as well as parts of Gaza City and the towns of Khan Yunis and Beit Hanun.

## Israel, Iran in league: Baghdad

BAGHDAD, Feb 13, (Agencies): Iraq accused Israel of working side by side with Iran to undermine Arab security and sovereignty, the armed forces newspaper said today, a day after Baghdad reported its air defences shot down an intruding Israeli drone.

The Al Qadissiya daily also said Israel was using its most sophisticated reconnaissance drones to monitor developments in the Gulf and provide military information to Iran, Iraq's enemy in the Gulf war.

"The collaboration is based on the Israeli and Iranian common aims mainly to undermine the Arab nation security and sovereignty," the paper said.

Iraq has repeatedly accused Iran of collaborating with Israel, the Arab's enemy.

A French weekly reported that secret negotiations are underway between Tel Aviv and Tehran, somewhere in Europe, for the emigration of 30,000 Iranian Jews to Israel.

## DAY BY DAY

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## Ten held for plotting to kill Gemayel

BEIRUT, Feb 13, (Reuters): Investigators today questioned 10 people held after a remote-control bomb was found on the aircraft of Lebanese President Amin Gemayel, security sources said.

They said the 10 were mostly maintenance workers and soldiers who could have access to aircraft of Middle East Airlines (MEA), the national carrier.

Maintenance staff on Friday found a bomb containing a pound (0.5 kg) of TNT attached to one of the front wheels of an MEA Boeing 707 shortly before it took off for Larnaca, Cyprus, to pick up the President.

A judicial investigator told Reuters: "We are becoming convinced the bomb was aimed at killing the President. The bomb was set to explode by remote control."

Gemayel, who says he will not seek re-election when his six-year term expires in September, was philosophical about the bomb.

Beirut newspapers quoted him as saying in Larnaca: "My fate is like that of the rest of the Lebanese who have been living on a powder keg for the past 15 years."

### Visit

Gemayel later left Larnaca for Sanaa, North Yemen, today for an official visit and would also go to Sudan.

The security sources said it had not been determined whether the bomb was planted in Beirut or in Rome, its last stop before the Lebanese capital.

Sources at the presidential palace said Communications Minister Joseph Al Haseb held urgent talks there on the bomb attempt with top military and security officials including the head of Army intelligence, Simon Kassia.

## Kidnappers' hideout located

# Palestinians call for release of UN staff

SIDON, Feb 13, (Reuters): Hundreds of angry Palestinians burned tyres at the entrances of two refugee camps near this southern Lebanese port today to protest against the kidnapping of two Scandinavian UN relief workers.

Smoke billowed over Ain Al Hilweh and Miyeh Miyeh camps where a strike closed schools, shops and other businesses for the second time in a week.

Men, women and children carried banners at the camps calling for the release of Swede Jan Stening, 44, and Norwegian William Joergensen, 57.

The two, who worked for the United Nations Relief and Works Agency (UNRWA), were kidnapped by Palestinian gunmen near Sidon last Friday.

UNRWA, which employs more than 2,000 Palestinians in Lebanon, said the detention of the two threatened continued UN aid to Palestinians and Lebanese.

It said the kidnappers were Palestinians with connections to

the Al Fatah group of Yasser Arafat, chairman of the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO).

Arafat was quoted in Cairo today as saying Fatah forces had found the kidnappers' hideout and surrounded it. They had stormed it because the victims' governments had asked them not to do.

Negotiations between Mustafa Saad, leader of the Muslim Popular Liberation Army (PLA), which controls Sidon, and Palestinian and UNRWA officials have failed to secure the release of the two.

The abduction prompted UNRWA to evacuate two of its international staff from Lebanon on Thursday.

An UNRWA spokeswoman said four others, who were on leave at the time of abduction, would stay in Cyprus and were regarded as evacuees.

Meanwhile, militia sources said eight seamen, four Poles, three Danes and a Sri Lankan, who were seized by the Leban-

ese Forces Christian Militia seven weeks ago were freed today.

### Confirmed

A Lebanese Forces source, speaking on condition of anonymity, said the eight were freed. A spokesman for the Danish Embassy, also speaking on condition he not be named, confirmed the Danes' release.

"The three Danish seamen are free. They are going to leave this evening from the eastern (Christian) part of Beirut," the spokesman told the Associated Press by telephone.

When asked whether they would be leaving via the Christian port of Jounieh, 20 kilometres (12 miles) north of Beirut by boat to Larnaca, Cyprus, he said "Yes. That's all I can tell you."

He said he doubted that reporters or photographers would be allowed to see the three men or cover their departure. The names of the eight hostages were not immediately available.

## Africans face murderous campaign

BEIRUT, Feb 13, (Reuters): The macabre murder of up to 15 African workers and students in Beirut, apparently in a campaign of revenge, today brought a cry for help from others who fear they could be next.

Police confirmed four deaths but the African Student Association in Lebanon (ASAL) told Reuters seven Africans had been killed and eight had been missing for a week.

An ASAL delegation today saw Prime Minister Salim Al Hoss to ask for his help, said one student.

Hoss promised us that he will ask the police to investigate the

killings," he said.

ASAL said the victims were from Ghana, Mali, Senegal, Sierra Leone, Burkina Faso and Guinea.

Police said the bullet-riddled bodies of the four, from Mali and Sierra Leone, were found in fields near the Dik Al Mehdi suburb East Beirut on Feb 6 and 11.

"A man from Sierra Leone had a fight with a retired Lebanese soldier today and killed him, then the friends of the soldier shot a Senegalese and other Africans," a police officer said.

ASAL said more than 1,000

Africans lived in East Beirut while another 1,000 lived in the Western sector.

"The African community in East Beirut is scared and many have started leaving for the West (Beirut)," said Nigerian student George Hanna.

"I saw four bodies at hospitals in East Beirut and they were shot in the head," he told Reuters.

Hanna said one Sierra Leone man was walking in Rabyeh suburb near Dik Al Mehdi on Friday when a car drove by and gunmen riddled his body with bullets, killing him instantly.

## Vietnam releases political detainees

BANGKOK, Feb 13, (AP): More than 150 former officials of the overthrown South Vietnamese government have been released after 13 years of detention, the official Vietnam news agency reported today.

The report from Hanoi, monitored in Bangkok, did not give specific figures, but said those freed Friday included an ex-cabinet minister, a deputy minister, 10 generals, 115 field-grade officers and 25 chaplains.

It quoted Col. Luu Van Ham, director of the Nam Ha camp south of Hanoi, as saying all 700 former South Vietnamese officials who had been held at the camp have been released.

They were among 1,014 South Vietnamese who were to be released from re-education camps under an amnesty announced by the communist government to mark Tet, the lunar new year that begins Feb 17.

The agency said many foreign journalists and a delegation from the Australia-Vietnam Friendship Association attended Friday's release ceremony.

Gratitude  
The report said Lt. Gen. Nguyen Vinh Nghi, former commander of South Vietnam's Third Army Corps, and Col. Tran Duc Minh, former director of the Army infantry officers school, spoke for all of the

inmates. The agency said they expressed "gratitude to the government for its humane treatment in spite of the fact that most of them had committed heinous crimes against the country and people."

The prisoners were held without formal charges or trial since communist North Vietnam defeated US-backed South Vietnam and reunified the country in April 1975.

Small numbers were released periodically without fanfare until Hanoi freed 480 former officials to mark National Day last Sept 2.

Meanwhile, Romania allowed a United Nations disarmament official return to his post in Geneva Friday, three years after detaining him in Bucharest, a UN spokesman said.

Liviu Bota, a Romanian national in charge of the UN Institute for Disarmament Research, was reunited with his family in Geneva on Friday, said Mario Zamorano, spokesman for UN secretary-general.

"The secretary-general, on behalf of all the UN staff members, is very pleased with this development," Zamorano said. According to the UN staff union, Bota's despairing wife tried to kill herself about six months after Bota was called home to Bucharest and kept there.

### Hayden in Amman

AMMAN, Feb 13, (AP): Australian Foreign Minister Bill Hayden arrived today for talks with Jordanian officials on regional and international issues of common concern, the official Jordan news agency reported.

Upon arrival, Hayden was met at Marka military airport near Amman by Deputy Foreign Minister Marwan Dudin and other senior Jordanian officials.



King Hussein of Jordan and Queen Noor meet with the Mayor of Berlin Helmut Zilk (right) in Vienna during their four-day visit to Austria. (Reuters wirephoto)

## Dog operates bank account

LONDON, Feb 13, (AP): Doc Whitehead is a 14-month-old Lakeland Terrier whose paw print carries purchasing power.

His owners, Kenneth and Susan Whitehead, gave him his own bank account, and the distinctive paw-print signature has paid for a parking ticket and a custom-made dog tag.

Doc got his picture in the London Standard newspaper on Friday, along with a photo of one of his cheques.

The paper said Garrard, the crown jeweller in London, accepted Doc's £5.75 (\$10) cheque in payment for the dog tag.

"Normally we would not accept a cheque from a new client who is a minor," the jeweller was quoted as telling the Whiteheads.

"However, we are prepared to accept your personal guarantee of Doc's creditworthiness."

Mrs Whitehead was quoted as saying that Doc got account at the Westminster Bank branch in Southall, West London, "so he could buy his own toys," but he had to pay a parking ticket while out shopping.

## Gurkha violence hits Darjeeling

DARJEELING, Feb 13, (Reuters): Militant Gurkhas blew up road bridges, set fire to government offices and ambushed a police patrol last night as a 40-day strike called to press their demand for autonomy took hold, security officials said.

Paramilitary forces with automatic weapons forced shops to open to try to break the strike but there were few customers. Life in this former British hill station was at a standstill as residents kept off the streets for fear of more violence.

Darjeeling's road links with nearby Siliguri, to the south, were cut and those with Kalimpong, to the east, were kept going under police escort.

Kalimpong was without electricity last night after a bomb hit the local power station. Its waterworks was also damaged by an explosion.

The militant Gurkha National Liberation Front (GNLF) began the strike last Wednesday after its leader, Subhas Ghising, failed to clinch an agreement with New Delhi and West Bengal state to give greater autonomy to the hill inhabited by his people. Ghising was in New Delhi

today discussing the hill council proposed by Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi, who has rejected his demand for full statehood.

### Arrests

Police began rounding up militants on Friday and said they had detained 57 suspects so far. They said the GNLF had ambushed a patrol on Friday, without causing injuries, and had fired shots at people going to work in defiance of the strike call.

In Darjeeling, a government official, Dawa Lama, was critically wounded when he was shot in the stomach after ignoring GNLF warnings not to go to his office.

The 22-month GNLF agitation has claimed 126 lives, according to official statistics, including those of 15 security personnel. Unofficial estimates place the toll at more than 200.

More than 3,000 people have been arrested and more than 1,000 houses, including 274 government buildings, have been gutted.

West Bengal Information Minister Buddhadev Bhattacharya has estimated the loss of property at 200 million rupees (\$15 million).

## Guns and alcohol locked up

# Cypriots go to polls today

NICOSIA, Feb 13, (Reuters): Cyprus locked up guns and alcohol as it took an eve-of-poll break today from the most intense presidential race in 28 years of independence.

Public speeches and rallies were barred for the day to allow for quiet reflection.

Use of alcohol was banned while hunting, a favourite Cypriot pastime, was also prohibited for the election weekend.

Morning newspapers splashed "victory" messages from all four candidates in anticipation of the outcome of Sunday's poll.

"We have won," said the pro-government Eleftherofilia newspaper after a rally last night to support the re-election of President Spyros Kyprianou, bidding for a third five-year

term. Independent George Vassiliou, backed by the communist Akel, staged a rally at the same time as Kyprianou in an adjacent area of the capital. Police deployed between the two and no incidents were reported.

Newspapers supporting candidates Glafkos Clerides, leader of the right-wing Rally Party, Vassiliou, and Vassos Lyssarides of Socialist Edeke, ran similar triumphant headlines.

### Run-off

But as party strengths ranged from 34 to 11 per cent in the last parliamentary elections in 1985, a clear victor — securing 51 per cent — is unlikely to emerge from Sunday's poll. A run-off is planned for Feb 21.

The key campaign issue has been the continuing impasse over the reunification of Greek and Turkish Cypriots while Kyprianou's economic policies have also come under fire.

"The elections will be decided by the national issue, by whose policy is best trusted to end the division of Cyprus," a political observer said.

Candidates have tried particularly to appeal to wide sections of the public in the hope of wooing citizens away from traditional voting patterns.

Cyprus was divided in 1974 when Turkish troops occupied the northern third of the island following a short-lived coup in Nicosia engineered by the military junta then ruling Greece.

## 1,300kg heroin seized in Thailand

BANGKOK, Feb 13, (Reuters): An informant's tip led to seizure last week of more than \$1 billion worth of heroin that was destined for New York, Thai officials said today.

Thai customs director Mani Vitayatham said 1.26 tonnes (2,750 pounds) of pure heroin had been found hidden inside bales of natural rubber at Bangkok docks.

Police said the manager of a shipping company was wanted for questioning in connection with what a US Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA) agent said was the world's largest

heroin seizure. Police estimated its street sale value at one to two billion dollars. Initial police estimates on Friday put the haul in excess of 1,500 kg (3,300 pounds).

Hidden among 665 bales of natural rubber sheets, the load filled four containers. It was registered for shipment on Feb 25 to a New York City warehouse, Mani said.

Police said an informant's tip led to the seizure. They began cutting up the bales with chain saws on Thursday night.

A US police agent who asked not to be identified said he saw

encouraging as well as frightening aspects of the seizure.

"It's good because this was a monster hit by the Thai authorities. But it's frightening that the opposition is so confident that they dare to put so much together in one spot," the agent said.

"Somebody lost a lot of money. There are going to be some dead bodies floating around here," he added.

Thailand's previous record heroin haul was 680 kg (1,500 pounds) from a fishing trawler last October.

## Colombo under full alert

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The informers are believed to be members of Tamil groups that have fought in the past against the Tigers.

An Indian diplomat said arms, ammunition and bomb factories had been found in houses abandoned by the rebels, who are fighting for a nation for mostly Hindu Tamils to counter years of alleged discrimination under the Buddhist Sinhalese-controlled government.

Military officials say about 75,000 Indian soldiers are poised to launch across the Tamil-dominated northern and eastern provinces the largest-ever military operation on Sri Lankan soil in an attempt to militarily crush the estimated 2,500 fighters of the LTTE.

### Curfew

But they said intelligence reports showed that since a curfew was imposed on Thursday in Batticaloa most of the guerrillas had filtered away into the jungles west of the city, crossed the central mountains and were proceeding towards Colombo.

Police intelligence officers said more than 200 LTTE members were already in hiding in Colombo's northern Kottahena suburb.

In response, the Defence Ministry ordered a full alert across the capital, and called for any young men among the steady influx of people arriving from the east to register at the nearest police station or Red Cross centre.

### Planned

Police said officers visited hotels and boarding houses to check the identity of occupants, and planned to establish roadblocks throughout the city.

The military officials said the LTTE deputy commander, whose nom de guerre is "Mahathaya," was among those who slipped through the Indian cordon.

## General strikes cripple...

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accompanied one of the bus victims to hospital, said that some injured passengers fled the scene for fear of being asked by police to be witnesses in the case.

Another bomb damaged a three-wheel scooter in central Dhaka and injured 10 people.

Ten other injuries were reported after police wielding batons clashed with 100 slogan-shouting demonstrators near the capital's central Secretariat, witnesses reported.

Police posted outside Dhaka University accused students of hurling a dozen home-made bombs towards shuttered shopping centres nearby. No casualties were reported in the incident.

Twenty-one of the country's major opposition parties began their campaign more than three months ago to force Ershad to resign.

## Ship incident harms...

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dangerous manoeuvre.

He said the ships involved were cruising on a parallel course when the collisions occurred, approximately eight miles off the southern tip of Crimea, between Sevastopol and Yalta.

"There is a law on ensuring the inviolability of the state border of the Soviet Union. There is no right of passage by warships through our territorial waters," Markov declared.

Moscow is particularly sensitive about its Black Sea coast, where the Soviet Union's southern fleet is based. Soviet ships have access to the Mediterranean through the Bosphorus.

The US Navy has been conducting increasingly active operations in recent years in the Black Sea, where it says all ships have the "right of innocent passage."

Markov said the Yorktown and Caron had also been involved in an incident in March 1986, when the Soviet Union protested over an alleged violation of its waters in the Black Sea.

## Ship of Return

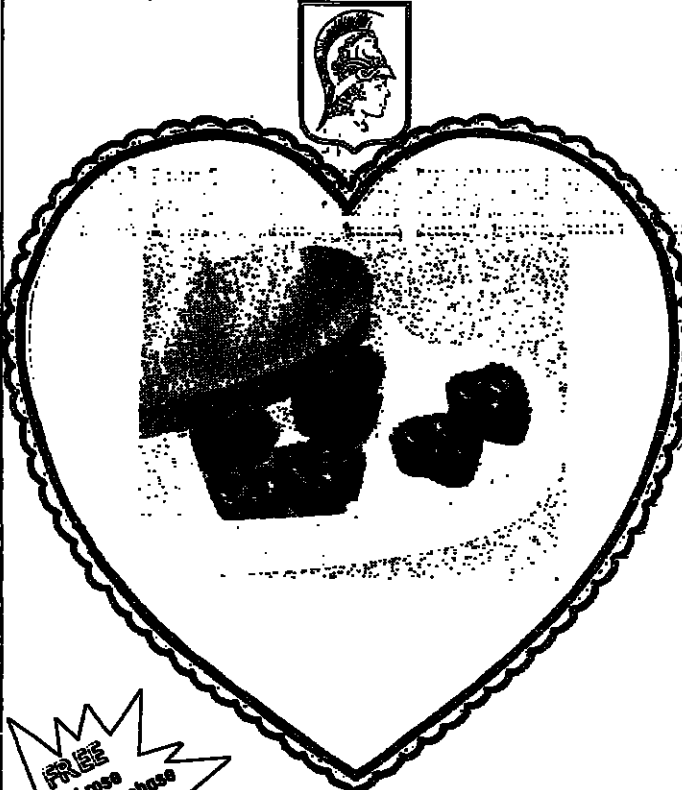
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then Wednesday, but was repeatedly delayed due to the PLO's inability to finalise a charter.

But some of the observers who had initially planned to participate said they would not be able to sail on Monday because of the delay.

"I wish it every success," said Lord Christopher Mayhew of Britain. He said he had to return to England because "I simply can't clear one more week" of his schedule.

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## National Day celebration committee holds meeting

THE supreme committee for celebrating the 27th anniversary of Kuwait's National Day held a meeting yesterday under the chairmanship of Minister of Social Affairs and Labour Sheikh Nasser Mohammed Al Ahmed, in the attendance of the ministerial committee members Education Minister and acting Higher Education Minister Anwar Al Nouri and Information Minister Sheikh Jaber Mubarak Al Hamad.

The meeting was also attended by the 18-member supreme committee which comprises, among others, information undersecretary Abdel Aziz Ja'far, board chairman and director

general of the Kuwait News Agency (Kuna) Barges Hmoud Al Barges and director of HH the Amir's Office Ibraheem Al Shatti.

### Image

Addressing the meeting, Sheikh Nasser welcomed members of the committee, expressing his pride in the confidence of HH the Amir and HH the Crown Prince who entrusted him and other members of the ministerial committee with this task.

He urged committee members to exert their utmost efforts in accentuating this glorious national occasion and giving an honourable image of Kuwait's accomplishments in the various

fields.

The Social Affairs and Labour Minister praised the role of both the public and private sector in bringing this occasion to a success.

For his part, Minister of Information Sheikh Jaber talked about activities and efforts by the ministry during this occasion, affirming the importance of the citizen's role towards the success of this occasion.

After reviewing the various National Day festivities, chairman of the committee charged the information undersecretary to preside over the meeting, in order to prepare these programmes for implementation.



The Supreme Committee for the National Day celebrations held a meeting yesterday.

## Exhibitions to be held in a better way

THE director of the public relations office at Kuwait International Fairground, Saleh Al Harbi, said the administration was seeking to develop the exhibitions continuously. This will help companies and consumers to achieve the maximum benefit and will make the fairground an effective way to advertising and marketing products.

He told the daily, Seyassah that the exhibitions held this year will have a new dimension through modern ways of displaying products, the introduction of information and data services on participating companies, and providing ample parking space.

Al Harbi expected more success for the Kuwaiti exhibition industry and stressed that it was already effective in boosting local markets, by giving consumers and merchants an opportunity to meet in one place.

### Confidence

The director of the Korean House section, said many people had visited the sixth Modern Home Exhibition, and 80 local, Arab and foreign companies were participating.

He said that prices for goods

on display were 25 per cent less than the price at shops outside the exhibition.

He said the exhibition raised the confidence of participants and was effective in boosting the commercial movement in the country. He added that sales during the exhibition were better than at the shops elsewhere.

The sales manager of a plastic company, Naeem Sabah, said the Modern Home Exhibition was a bit slow during the first two days but picked up later.

He stressed that this year's prices were the same as last year. He said his company represented the national plastic industries company and their prices were lower than those of many foreign firms, mostly from India and southeast Asia.

### Organised

The representative of Syria's Abia Company, Radwan Malik, said his company specialised in marketing all hand-made Syrian products and antiques. He said they participated in the exhibition to advertise their products in Arab countries and this was a new step for the company.

He was pleased there was much interest in Syrian products and sales were high.

The director of a Tunisian silver company, Mohammad Rafiq Al Hlaibi, said it was the first time his company was participating in an exhibition held in Kuwait.

He added that a large number of people were interested in Tunisian silver products. He said the prices were reasonable and a discount was also given.

He found the Kuwait market an active one, and the number of customers was a good sign for better future business.

An official of the Golden Galaxy Company, Menya Bin Nasser, said that the exhibition was a good opportunity to evaluate the local market. She said Kuwait's residents showed a great interest in Tunisian products.

A member of Al Orabi Contracting Company, Mohammed Spano, said the company specialised in construction materials.

He said that the exhibition this year was better organised than last year.

He said the administration

appeared to have been taking new steps for preparations, and holding two exhibitions at the same time — the perfumes and cosmetics and the Modern Home exhibitions — meant that more customers would visit the fairground to the benefit of both exhibitions.

### Distribution of houses suspended

A SENIOR official at Kuwait's National Housing Authority said that the NHA had suspended the distribution of the old popular houses in Jahra and Umm Al Hailman to prepare for their demolition and replacement by government houses built under the current design.

The NHA senior official said the authority was planning to proceed with the demolition of these houses as part of its next Five Year Housing Plan. He added that these houses would be replaced by new blocks of government housing also according to the plan.

## Plan to sell old exchange equipments at auction

A RELIABLE source at Kuwait's Ministry of Communications announced that the ministry is planning to sell at auction the equipments of the old telephone exchange in Shuwaikh. The source added that a previous attempt to auction off a terminal resulted in a bid of KD35,000 which did not even cover the cost of making the terminal.

Sources called on the Minister of Communication Abdullah Al Sharhan to reconsider the sale of the terminal since it could be used for spare parts for terminals throughout the country resulting in considerable savings on the cost of spare parts spent annually by the ministry reaching KD80 to 90 thousand. The sources added that the terminal would probably not be sold for more than KD5,000 at public auction anyway.

There are 12 telephone exchanges in the country, the sources said, which are of the same make as the Shuwaikh terminal and could use spare parts

from this terminal. They said that in 1986 spare parts cost KD186,000, adding that the terminal would be capable of supplying spare parts for five to ten years. They argued further that the terminal should be kept to save money on these parts rather than having to pay double for them from companies importing them.

### Saudi message

DEPUTY Premier and Foreign Minister Sheikh Sabah Al Ahmed received a message yesterday from his Saudi counterpart Prince Saud Al Faisal.

An authorised source at the Foreign Ministry said the message is related to bilateral relations, latest regional developments and issues of mutual concern.

The message was delivered by Saudi Ambassador here Sheikh Abdulla Sudairi.

## Complaint over KD100 fine per month

ACCORDING to a Kuwaiti daily a large number of citizens and expatriates have complained that the KD100 fine for each month the residence permit is overdue is too strict a penalty. Some also complained that the KD10 fee for yearly residence permit renewal was too high, while others said this was a fair amount which could be considered as a contribution toward the cost of services provided by the state for citizens and expatriates.

People have also complained that the one month period given to complete formalities for residence permit renewal was insufficient, with some claiming

that their applications had been in the Ministry of Social Affairs and Labour since November without being completed.

The lack of coordination between the Ministry of Social Affairs and Labour and the Ministry of the Interior was cited as a problem by many which interfered with the speed of completing applications for workers in the private sector.

Owners of companies said that they will be obliged to pay large amounts to the Ministry of the Interior each year when they renew employees' residence permits and asked that these charges be reconsidered.

## Perfume business worth about KD11m annually

THE perfume industry is considered a modern and advanced industry in many countries, according to a local newspaper.

This industry has become an important source of income for a number of countries, such as France and Italy.

In Kuwait, people use large quantities of perfumes, and a source at the local perfume market estimated the business at about KD11 million annually.

The source told the newspaper that women in Kuwait bought nearly 70 per cent of the total imported perfumes.

Statistics published by the Planning Ministry showed that 732,000 women living in Kuwait bought perfume worth about KD10.3m annually.

The large purchase of perfumes by women in Kuwait was due to the high individual income, the hot climate and the type of food consumed by residents. Most people in Kuwait eat fatty foods containing great amount of spices, onions and garlic which cause strong secretions of perspiration that need strong perfumes to mask.

Many perfume merchants said there was a great demand in spite of the high prices.

One merchant, George Ayash, said France headed the list of countries exporting perfumes to Kuwait, followed by Italy.

He said that consumers preferred to buy strong perfumes because they lasted longer. Women's perfumes account for 75 per cent of sales.

Prices began rising in 1988, with the increase ranging between 15 to 20 per cent.

He said that demand for perfumes dropped by about 25 per cent during 1987 compared to 1986.

Many customers asked for cheaper perfumes, specially in the KD 5 to KD 7 price range, he said.

A beauty expert with experience in the perfume field, Anni, said that people in Kuwait and the Gulf generally preferred to buy new kinds of perfumes.

She said that people in the middle-income bracket made frequent changes in perfumes, while those with high income tended to keep to one type.



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### Country of origin a must

KUWAIT'S Minister of Commerce and Industry Faisal Al Khalid yesterday issued a ministerial decision regarding printing commercial information on products that are imported or locally produced.

The decision prohibits selling or displaying any local or imported products in Kuwaiti markets unless the name of the producing country is clearly written and displayed on the product. And if the goods are made in a country other than where the factory is located, the name of that country must be printed.

The decision also stressed on importers of durable products to include Arabic translations on best ways of using these products.

The ministerial decision is to be published in the official newspaper "Al Kuwait" and is valid from Jan 1, 1989.

### Arab medicine

THE Higher Committee for Arab Medicine held its ninth session in Kuwait last week under the patronage of the Health Minister Abdul Razzak Al Abdul Razzak. The committee was formed to deal with the pharmaceutical industry in the Arab world. The Undersecretary at the Ministry of Health, Dr Naef Al Naqib, said in his opening speech that medicine is a strategic material and he called on Arab countries to develop their pharmaceutical industries in order to become self-sufficient.

Dr Bilal Samara, a representative of the Arab Health Ministers Council urged the committee to formulate an Arab strategy to co-ordinate the pharmaceutical industry throughout the Arab world. He pointed out that the council gives priority to Arab-made drugs which meet required specifications.



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## Work on next five year plan will begin soon: Dr Awadi

PREPARATIONS for the 1990/91-1994/95 five year plan will begin shortly, the Undersecretary of the Planning Ministry and general coordinator of the State Development plan, Dr Abdul Hadi Al Awadi, said yesterday.

He said that contacts between different sectors in the state to work out the general goals of the next five year plan and the detailed objectives of the various sectors would begin within the next four months.

He added that the development of Kuwait manpower would be given top priority and greater attention paid to productivity of Kuwaitis and expatriates.

Dr Al Awadi told a local newspaper that the Planning Ministry

still needed a lot of cooperation from the various government ministries and departments in executing the current five year plan.

He pointed out that Kuwait society has many more challenges specially that of increasing productivity, balancing the population and manpower structure, and paying greater attention to training and education.

### Manpower

He said that replacing non-Kuwaitis by Kuwaiti manpower was a long term process that still required much effort in training and qualifying Kuwaitis. He said the various government ministries and establishments had started paying greater attention to the planning process which he considered the greatest

achievement.

He said the Planning Ministry was working out ideas for state officials on the importance of planning, adding that the ministry received a positive response from the officials.

He said the ministry was currently evaluating the implementation of the current development plan, including the degree to which the plan had been implemented and the obstacles it faced, as well as studying the experiments of other countries in this field. Kuwaiti delegations visited England, Canada and Egypt to study their experiments in this field.

### Population

Dr Al Awadi said the main difficulty in the five year plan was caused by the drop in oil prices and the resulting drop in

revenue which caused continuous deficits in the state budget. He said the plan aimed at creating a balance between expenditure and revenue.

He said the development plan also aimed at tackling the population structure, adding that expatriates formed 60 per cent of the population and 81 per cent of the government and private workforce. But he admitted this problem could not be solved within five years, and might require development plans until 2000.

He said the Planning Ministry was now being provided with periodical reports on the progress of the development plan from 48 ministries and government establishments once every six months. This formed a good base for planning, he said.

## Kuwaiti aid for Lebanon

### Convoy reaches Syria

DAMASCUS, Feb 13, (Kuna): The Kuwaiti aid convoy bound for Lebanon entered Syrian territory today through the southern city of Daraa.

The 67-truck convoy, accompanied by 30 school buses, was greeted by the delegate of HH the Crown Prince and Premier of Kuwait Sheikh Saad Al Abdullah Al Sabah, Sheikh Mubarak Faisal Al Sabah, Kuwaiti Ambassador to Syria Ahmed Abdel Aziz Al Jassem, Daraa's governor Hussein Hassan, officials of the UN Children Emergency Fund and a

large crowd of reporters. The aid includes foodstuff, clothing, blankets, medical supplies and stationery.

Later in this month, the second consignment of the aid comprising 107 trucks and 30 other buses will arrive under a five-million-dollar Kuwaiti aid package.

Sheikh Mubarak, in a statement to reporters, expressed Kuwait's thanks for all those who contributed in securing the safe passage for the convoy, particularly Syrian officials. The convoy is due to enter Lebanese soil Monday where it

will be received by acting Lebanese Premier Saleem Al Hoss.

On the other hand, Unicef's regional director expressed gratitude to the Kuwaiti government on its kind gesture, hoping for other countries to follow in Kuwait's footsteps.

He noted that Unicef teams will receive the convoy to store its contents in special warehouses for "Al Hareeri Foundation" in the Bikaa area, before beginning distribution under the supervision of a special committee chaired by Lebanon's acting premier.

## Houti arrives for roads conference

RIYADH, Feb 13, (Kuna): Kuwait Minister of Public Works Abdul Rahman Al Houti arrived here today to take part in the 3rd conference of the International Regional Conference on Roads.

Saudi Press Agency said Bahraini Minister of Public Works Majid Al Jishi and Moroccan Minister of Equipment Mohammed Qabbaj have also arrived for the same purpose.

The SPA quoted Saudi officials as welcoming the conference in the kingdom.

### Inspection tour

ELECTRICITY and Water Minister Hmoud Rqobah yesterday inspected the western Doha water desalination and electric power generation plant where he was briefed on the facility's operation and capacity.

In a statement to Kuna after the tour, the minister urged the public to cooperate with the government's efforts to rationalise consumption of water and electricity.

Talking of the 2,400 megawatt plant which needs some 8,000 tons of water per hour to operate, Rqobah said "one feels proud to see that we have such a great facility in our country."

### 12 accidents

THREE men were injured on Friday when two cars collided head-on on Hilali Street.

There were 12 traffic accidents in Kuwait on Friday. Six took place in Ahmadi, four in Hawalli, one in Jahra and one in the capital.



The ambassador-designate of Denmark (right) yesterday presented a copy of his credentials to Kuwait's Deputy Premier and Foreign Minister, Sheikh Sabah Al Ahmed.

### Proceeds will be sent to people

#### in occupied areas

## Hanna K opens

By Lima Al Khalafawi

A FILM, Hanna K, opened yesterday at the Al Salmiya Cinema, to focus support for the uprising in the occupied areas and to commemorate the struggle of the past 40 years.

It opened under the patronage of Information Minister Sheikh Jaber Mubarak Al Sabah, who deputised the assistant undersecretary for culture, press and censorship affairs, Hamad Al Roumi.

A ladies committee was formed by members of the Palestinian Women's Union to coordinate

and collect funds. A large number of people attended the show yesterday.

#### Focused

Proceeds are to be donated to people in the occupied land.

The film is directed by Costa Gavras, who focused on a strong Arab presence in the occupied territories and expressed the agony and dilemma of the Palestine individual in the occupied territories.

The film emphasises the humanity of the Palestinians in contrast to the fanaticism of the Jews.

## Barges holds contacts to highlight uprising

GENEVA, Feb 13, (Kuna): President of the Federation of Arab News Agencies (Fana) Barges Hmoud Al Barges held intensive contacts here today with officials of the International Red Cross and the International Committee on Human Rights.

The Fana approach to the world organisations was in part of a plan intended to secure the best media coverage of the current Palestinian uprising against the Israeli occupation in the West Bank and Gaza Strip.

Barges, who is accompanied by Fana's Secretary General Farid Ayyar, conferred with Chairman of the 44th session of the Human Rights Committee Alioune Sen and later with senior international Red Cross officials.

Barges said after the encounter with Sen, the meeting meant to initiate dialogue with the committee for agreeing on the best way to highlight decisions and recommendations of the human rights committee regarding the Palestinian uprising and Israeli brutalities.

#### Positive

Barges said he told the Human Rights Committee chairman that Arab news agencies were ready to enlist all their capabilities for "objective publication" of the committee's ideas and activities in defence of human rights all over the world.

He said Sen appreciated Fana's initiative calling it a positive step toward stronger cooperation between the two sides.

Barges expressed satisfaction with the current debates of the Human Rights Committee, saying they have focused on developments in the Israeli-occupied territories "with Israel exercising the perilously repressive measures which breach the most fundamental human rights."

Sen, who is also the Senegal permanent delegate to the United Nations in Geneva, commended efforts of the United Nations to bring to the world's attention the escalating violence in the occupied Arab territories.

The Human Rights Committee chairman cited the recent fact-finding mission to occupied Palestine by assistant UN Secretary General Marrack

Goulding along with other similar efforts.

Sen hoped those UN actions would help halt the vicious circle of violence in the occupied territories, according to Fana president.

#### Expose

After the meeting with Sen, Fana's two chief executives were joined by Kuwait's permanent UN delegate here Dr Salem Al Jaber Al Ahmed Al Sabah in attending a session of the Human Rights Committee.

Sideline talks underscored the Palestinian uprising in the occupied territories and how the international committee can expose Israel's savage handling of the protests.

In the meeting with senior International Red Cross officials, Barges outlined proposals for cooperation between Fana and international bodies for shedding more light on developments in the occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip.

He underlined the need for the Red Cross to provide Arab news agencies with whatever information it has access to concerning treatment of Arabs in Israeli jails as to give the world public opinion "a clear and objective" idea on the subject.

#### Info-88

KUWAIT'S Info-88 international exhibition opens today afternoon at the International Fairground.

Kuwait's communications ministry is participating in the five-day event with a pavilion which will display several advanced communications and services equipment.

## Cooperative conference

THE Seventh Arab Cooperative Conference will be held under the patronage of HH the Crown Prince and Prime Minister Sheikh Saad Al Abdullah at the Kuwaiti Regency Palace Hotel on Feb 14, the chairman of the preparatory committee, Barrak Al Noun, said.

He told a local newspaper that the conference will centre on two topics: the activities of cooperative societies and the role of the Union of Cooperative Societies.

He said the cooperative movement had about 157,000 members according to 1986 statistics and shareholders owned about four million shares. He said cooperative organisations were subject to control and supervision at the Social Affairs and Labour Ministry.

Al Noun considered the cooperative sector as an important pillar of the national economy.

He said the cooperative societies sold commodities through 38 supermarkets throughout the country.

He said the societies had 6,617 employees of whom 342 were Kuwaitis. This was only about 5.2 per cent of the employees, he said.

## ROYAL COURT

### Amiri audiences

HH the Amir yesterday received HH the Crown Prince and Premier Sheikh Saad Al Abdullah Al Sabah and the Deputy Premier and Foreign Minister, Sheikh Sabah Al Ahmed.

### Crown Prince audiences

HH the Crown Prince and Premier Sheikh Saad Al Abdullah received yesterday the Minister of Defence Sheikh Nawaf Al Ahmed, the Minister of Social Affairs and Labour Sheikh Nasser Mohammed Al Sabah and the Minister of State for Cabinet Affairs Rashed Al Rashed.

Sheikh Saad received the Education and Acting Higher Education Minister, Anwar Al Nouri accompanied by the Rector of Kuwait University Dr Abdul Mohsen Abdul Razzak, the Minister of State for Housing Affairs, Nasser Al Roudhan, the Minister of Awqaf and Islamic Affairs Khalid Al Jassar and the Finance Minister Jassem Al Khorafi.

## KUWAIT PRESS DIGEST

### US conspiring with Zionists to abort uprising

AN influential Kuwait newspaper charged the American government yesterday of conspiring with the Zionist entity to abort the popular Palestinian uprising, and the daily at the same time expressed belief that official Arab reaction to the upheaval is unsatisfactory.

Al Rai Al Aam stressed that current American diplomatic priorities focus on containing and aborting the uprising rather than pressing the need for a just and lasting solution to the Arab-Israeli conflict that guarantees legitimate national Palestinian rights.

American policies and moves in the region have not changed, they run parallel to the Israeli actions in putting down the uprising," the paper said.

The paper advised the American administration to acknowledge realities in the Middle East that triggered the current popular demonstration.

In its front-page editorial, the newspaper called for "more effective" Arab support in keeping the current momentum of the popular upheaval.

Al Rai Al Aam pointed out that despite the rising tide of protests, Arab frontline states are still keeping their borders with occupied Palestine sealed hindering Palestinian commandos entry.

The paper suggested that Arabs should learn a lesson from the Afghan resistance war which has forced the Soviet Union to announce plans for withdrawing its troops from that country.

The paper emphasised that the Afghan rebels have won the bout against the Soviet occupation Army, estimated at 10,000 soldiers equipped with the most sophisticated weapons.

"But we Arabs still have not realised the impetus which this uprising has given the Palestinian revolution, and the job it has given the Zionist entity," the paper said.

Concluding, the paper exhorted Arab frontline states to allow cross-border Arab commando attacks on the Zionist entity, and said this only would sound the death knell of the Israeli entity.



● The US Ambassador Nathaniel Howell (left) opened the sixth American Film Festival in Kuwait last night at the Chamber of Commerce and Industry auditorium. The Film Festival, organised jointly by the Cine Club and the American Embassy, will continue till Feb 17. Amr Tamimi, a board member of the Cine Club is also seen in the picture.

## Kuwait capable of defending itself: Saud

KUWAIT is capable of defending itself and has not sought protection from any other country, the Kuwaiti Ambassador in Washington Sheikh Saad Nasser Al Sabah said in an interview published in Kuwait yesterday.

The ambassador asserted that Kuwait has adopted a double-tier defence strategy of self reliance in the first place and collaboration with GCC states.

Sheikh Saud, who was speaking to a Kuwaiti newspaper, absolved Kuwait from the responsibility of American naval buildup in the Arabian Gulf.

Turning to Kuwait's arms procurement policies, the diplomat pointed out that Kuwait buys its defence needs from a variety of sources with the primary objective being safeguarding national security and stability.

#### Succeed

Renewing Kuwait's neutrality in the Iran-Iraq war, the envoy expressed hopes that the UN Security Council would succeed in halting the conflict as soon as possible.

"We have not played the role of a mediator, nor have we side with a country against another," the ambassador went on.

He urged Iranian officials to desist from making fresh threats and provocations against Kuwait, and called on Tehran to accept international peace calls to end the bloodshed.

Sheikh Saud said the Palestinian cause in the US has gained new American public sympathy as a result of the uprising in occupied Palestine, and thanks to good American press coverage of the demonstrations.

The upheaval, he went on, brought into light the sufferings of Palestinians living under the yoke of Israeli military occupation.

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### Car thieves arrested

SECURITYMEN arrested three Pakistanis on Friday when they fled on seeing a police patrol car approaching them.

When questioned they admitted stealing articles from 16 cars in Rumathiyah area and also showed the police where they had hidden the stolen goods.



## GOING PLACES

## The Resort shaping up

By Keith Wells

THE Ramada Al Salaam Hotel has just hired a new Recreation Manager, Robert Jones, a quiet-spoken Irishman with lots of plans to help turn the Ramada Resort into one of Kuwait's most popular beach clubs.

The Resort has always had a lot of potential, superb position in the gardens beside the sea, good facilities including one of the best swimming pools in the city. Now, under Robert's enthusiastic guidance, Kuwait's unique ship hotel is really getting under way.

"To start with we'll be bringing in new fees, which will be lower than the previous ones," he says. For ladies it'll only cost KD215 for a one-year membership which includes a 25 per cent discount on the poolside menu. Single men will have to pay

KD400 a year, but couples will only be charged KD430. Couples can also get a three month membership for just KD125. Tennis membership is even cheaper, KD250 a year for a couple.

"We're aiming for a family atmosphere, so there will be special rates if the whole family joins. We really want to encourage expat ladies to join the Resort since we're convinced that they will appreciate our superb facilities and the relaxed, exclusive atmosphere."

As part of his campaign to get new members the Resort is introducing special rates for nurses and diplomats and group membership for companies. "We are also considering the idea of a special 'Health morning' for ladies. We'll collect them in our own bus, then, after a morning of swimming, aerobics, sauna and massage, we'll take them home

again."

The Resort facilities already include tennis courts, currently being resurfaced, a jacuzzi, sauna, steam room and a Fitness Centre complete with aerobic tapes and plenty of machines to help you lose unwanted pounds. The whole place has been renovated, upgrading the Resort to a level that is equal to anywhere else in Kuwait.

"I've got lots of ideas for new activities," says Robert. "Plenty of games and competitions with special prizes like a weekend holiday at one of our other Ramada Hotels in Bahrain or Dubai. We'll have marathon swimming, rowing competitions for the kids, moonlight swimming and courses in lifesaving and scuba diving." Robert has also advertised for a jazz dancer, aerobics teacher and hopes to make an appointment soon.



● Jacques Mitterand, a younger brother of the French President Francois Mitterand, recently visited Kuwait. Above: Jacques Mitterand (second left) is pictured with the Kuwait Meridien Hotel's management (L-R): Resident Manager Fahd Alsharh, Public Relations Manager Yousef Al Ghabra and Anne Laugel.

## CINEMA TODAY

Al Andalus  
Zamir Hatham Zahran  
(Arabic)  
Starring: Noor Al Shariff, Noora

Al Salam  
Hanna K.  
Starring: Jill Clayburg

Al Hamra  
Shahenshab (Hindi)  
Starring: Amitabh Bachchan, Meenakshi Seshadri

Drive-In  
Al Nimir Wal Unsa (Arabic)  
Starring: Adel Imam, Athar

Al Firdous  
Shahenshab (Hindi)  
Starring: Amitabh Bachchan, Meenakshi Seshadri

Fahsheel Open-Air  
Dil Jalas (Hindi)  
Al Fahsheel  
Sarvakalashala (Malayalam)  
Al Jahra  
Marte Dam Tak (Hindi)  
Granada  
Mazloom (Hindi)  
Sulabikhat  
Tarzan Escapes  
Al Jleeb  
Sanmanasullavarku Samadhamam (Malayalam)  
Ahmadi Drive-In  
Al Nimir Wal Unsa (Arabic)  
Starring: Adel Imam, Athar Al Hakim

## PRAYERS

Fajr 5.07 am  
Zuhr 12.02  
Asr 3.13 pm  
Maghreb 5.37  
Isha 6.55

## SPORTS

**At the Continental**  
Gardenia offers food and beverage service on the Terrace. Daily dinner buffet and on Fridays lunch buffet with charcoal grilled specialties. Darbar features daily lunch buffet and a la carte for dinner.

**At the Ramada Al Salam**  
El Bender Coffee Shop offers daily lunch, chef's special and a choice of Continental, Arabic, Indian main course, appetiser and dessert buffet and a carvery roast at dinner time.

**At the SAS**  
Experience the exotic charm of the Orient at Tuesday's Sahrat Al Khema — Oriental Night — in The Tent. An Arabian bazaar features perfumes, jewellery, clothes, rugs and other items. Buffet dinner, live music and raffle prizes.

## FILMS

**Kuwait Nomads Rugby Club**  
Full-scale practice match tonight (Sunday). All players must report to the ground by 7.15 pm for 7.30 pm kickoff.

**Raft Race**  
Raft Race 1988; entry forms and rules are now available from the Messilah Beach Hotel. First captain's meeting at MBH, Al Foz Suite, on March 1, 6.30 pm. For further details contact the hotel, ext. 712/751/705.

**Philippine Non-Pro Bowling League**  
This week's match is on Friday (Feb 18), 6 pm to 8 pm; between Pasay City and Paranaque; it will be held at the Club 300.

**Boys Own Club**  
The third seven-a-side football tournament takes place on Feb 19 at Al Soor Grounds. Draw will be held at 7 am and the first game begins at 7.30 am. All teams wishing to participate contact Joe D'Souza — Tel: 4813622/25 ext. 147.

## WHAT'S ON

## ARTS

## Sultan Gallery

"Kuwait: Studies in Water-colour" is the theme of an exhibition of paintings by American artist Kathleen Stafford. It will be held from Feb 15 at the Sultan Gallery, 9 am to 1 pm and 5 to 8 pm, for two weeks. The gallery is located at the Al Soor St. Tarek Rajab Museum.

## CINEMA

## British Council

The Young Sherlock Holmes and the Pyramid of Fear, a Steven Spielberg production, will be shown tonight at 6.30 pm at the British Council in Mansouriyah. Duration: 105 minutes. Admission free but it is advisable to make bookings. Tel: 2515512; 2533204.

## Films and the Law

Films and the Law is the title of an American film festival, which continues until Feb 17 at the Kuwait Chamber of Commerce and Industry.

The following films will be shown:  
Feb 14: *Modern Times* (1936); director: Charles Chaplin. Starring: Charles Chaplin, Paulette Goddard. One of the all-time greats, a sensational one-man show by Chaplin, writing, directing, producing, scoring and starring in this saga of "everyman" in all times. It is the story of a tramp who moves from factory worker to department store janitor to singing waiter, as modern times knock him cruelly about. Duration: 87 minutes.  
Feb 15: *The Autobiography of Miss Jane Pittman* (1974);

director: John Korty; starring Cicely Tyson, Odette, Michael Murphy, Collin Wilcox. One of the best movies ever made for American TV. Cicely Tyson won an Emmy award for her performance in the role of a 110-year-old woman who was an ex-slave, and lived to take part in a civil rights demonstration in 1962. Miss Jane is a fictional character but the incidents are based on real events that took place throughout the South after the Civil War. Adapted from Ernest J. Gaines novel. Duration: 100 minutes.

Feb 16: *The King of Men* (1950); director: Robert Rossen; starring Broderick Crawford, Mercedes McCambridge, John Ireland, Joanne Dru, John Derek. Oscar winner as the Best Film of 1950. One of the best films on the rise and fall of a politician. Broderick Crawford won an Oscar as Best Actor while Mercedes won in the Supporting Actress category. Duration: 109 minutes.

Feb 17: *The Best Man* (1964); director: Franklin Schaffner; starring Cliff Robertson, Henry Fonda, Lee Tracy. Based on Gore Vidal's perceptive and outspoken play, it deals with the hot-and-heavy fight between two leading contenders of the Presidential nomination of their party. One of the best American movies about politics. Duration: 102 minutes.

All films will be shown at 7.30 pm promptly. Children will not be allowed inside the auditorium. The festival has been organised by the American Embassy in Kuwait in tandem with Kuwait Cine Club.

## THEATRE

## KLT

Kuwait Little Theatre (KLT). Ahmadi, will hold auditions for the Summer Musical at its premises at 7.30 pm on Feb 16 and 19. Backstage helpers also needed. For further details contact 3985246 after 3 pm.

## SOCIAL

## Kuwait Society

**For Handicapped**  
An open house featuring everything from silks to groceries, silverware to rugs and toys, is being held at the premises of the Kuwait Society for the Handicapped, behind Andalus Cinema, Cairo St. Open daily from 8 am to 12 noon and 3 to 7 pm, until Feb 15.

## Kuwait Nomads

**Quiz Night**  
The Kuwait Nomads Rugby Club will hold "Quiz Night" on Feb 17. Teams of four, must include one lady. For details and team registration contact Jon Evans (5339867) or Tony Sole (5330507) by Monday, Feb 15.

**Kuwait Irish Society**  
St. Patrick's Day celebration on March 17 at the Holiday Inn Hotel. If interested contact — 5621701/5622701, 8 am to 2 pm or 5624175 after 2 pm.

**Music Concert '88**  
Adeeb, Lynley (vocals), Amaar (guitar/vocals), Aasim (keyboard-synthesizer), Muraza (bass guitar) and Raza (drums) will participate in the Music Concert '88, due to be held on Feb 19 at Al Andalus Cinema. They will present a variety of songs, originally sung by such groups as Duran Duran, Europe, Bonjovi and others. Tickets available at Al Andalus box office. For details contact 5618482 or 3983165 (Adeeb).

**Kuwait Welsh Society**  
Annual St David's Day dinner at Messilah Beach Hotel on Tuesday, March 1. For tickets and further details phone 4874548; 3910875; 3912384.

## TELEVISION PROGRAMMES

## KTV 1

2.15 Holy Quran  
2.30 World News via Satellite  
3.30 Ibtal Al Ma'laeb: cartoon  
4.00 News Summary  
4.05 Magazine D'Actualite  
4.25 Ghuyoum Bila Matar: Daily historical serial; starring Mahmoud Abu Ghareeb, Abcer Essa, Rashida Al Dajani.  
5.30 Al Manahil: children's serial, featuring Amal Dabbas, Tayseer Attiya, Rabe'a Shihab.  
6.00 Songs and Music  
7.00 News Summary  
7.05 Soora Min Al Tibbiya: documentary  
7.30 Diwanat Shuara Al Nabt: poetry session  
8.15 Good Evening and Local News  
9.00 News in Arabic  
9.50 Rabee'a Fi Al Asafat: ep. 4: Arabic serial, featuring Abdullah Ghaith.

Madiha Hamdi.  
10.50 Variety Show: featuring the Iraqi folklore troupe which took part in the 1987 Jerash Festival.  
11.50 News Summary  
11.55 World News via Satellite  
12.30 Holy Quran/Closedown

## KTV 2

6.00 Holy Quran  
6.10 Lone Ranger: "Yellowstone Conspiracy." The Lone Ranger's adventures continue for young viewers.  
6.30 Butterfly Island: "What Are Friends For." The children learn the difference between jealousy and love.  
7.00 Understanding Islam: a weekly local show on Islam.

7.30 The Wacky World of Sports: a wacky look at sporting events.  
8.00 News in English  
8.40 Hot Shots: "Tails? You Lose."  
9.30 Foley Square: "Courtship." A new employee in the office wins Molly's confidence; and Alex shows interest in Josh.  
10.00 Q.E.D.: "How To Succeed Without Trying."  
10.30 Best-Seller: "Space." This week sees the start of a new best-seller, set in Nazi Germany. It tells the story of a scientist who experiments unsuccessfully with space rockets and is harassed by the government.  
12.00 News Summary/Magazine D'Actualite/Closedown.



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## EDITORIALS

## ARAB TIMES

Thought for today

A LOVER who reasons is no lover — Norman Douglas, English writer (1868-1952)

OPINION  
Support uprising to keep it active

ALL those who have addressed the Palestinian question can now wipe out their past mistakes. They must now totally support the Palestinian uprising inside the occupied territories.

Leaflets distributed in Palestine have made it clear that there is a new leadership to direct the uprising. At present the leadership is unknown, which is an important feature and an advantage for the uprising because the true resistance is not an elegant or public leadership.

We must now support this uprising in order to keep it active. Israel faces many problems which it has not faced in 40 years. Israel has usually combatted the resistance in Lebanon, Yemen or Tunisia; always a safe distance from the fire. Israel has advantageously always acted as the aggressor.

The situation is different now. The resistance has been launched by all Palestinians, including the children. So far, the resistance has not included the use of arms, so Israel faces a situation it is unaccustomed to.

Israel thought it was beyond such situations, thinking it had frightened its opponents, especially with its ally, the US at her back.

Israel defeated the Arab countries during the 1967 war, invaded and destroyed Lebanon in the '80s, reached the Iraqi nuclear reactor and supported Iran against Iraq. By these acts Israel thought it had created sufficient fear that no one would dare move in the occupied territories.

Now, Israel faces a true debacle; more effective than the Arab war of 1967. It is a debacle which yields fruit on the regional and international level.

The continuation of the Palestinian uprising presents Israel with two options: to kill all Palestinians inside the occupied territories, or to accept international demands to establish a Palestinian state.

Israel cannot accept the first option because it knows that by killing more Palestinians the uprising will blaze even brighter. Israel is talking of self-determination, which is a retreat to its old position. But this retreat, as the Egyptian President said, has come too late. The uprising has changed concepts, and although talk of self-determination may have been acceptable eight years ago, it is unacceptable at present.

The continuation of the Palestinian uprising places Israel in a situation similar to that which Soviets face in Afghanistan; a position that led a superpower to beg for peace so it could save its skin from the Afghanistan furnace.

Israel now faces a similar, if not more difficult situation. The Palestinian uprising inside Israel and not at its borders, its flare increases day after day with the murder of more Palestinians.

The only thing required of the Arab world is to support this revolution. We must not have a repeat of 1948 when the Arabs promised to restore the Palestinian's homeland, and then kept them waiting until 60 days ago.

Ahmed Al Jarallah

## Wide rift exposed

By Oliver Watts

ISLAMABAD, (Reuters): Four days of hectic diplomacy have galvanized the Afghan peace process but exposed a wide rift between the Pakistani and Soviet positions.

"We have started to think big," we expect that the others will do so (too)," Soviet First Deputy Foreign Minister Yuri Vorontsov told reporters in Islamabad on Thursday.

"Maybe we are moving rather swiftly for some of the other participants in this drama. But we are moving decisively and we hope others will do the same."

Vorontsov was ending two days of talks with Pakistani leaders, during which he hammered home the Kremlin's view that a peace agreement should be signed in March at Geneva as the only way to a lasting peace in Afghanistan.

Pakistan is refusing to sign any accord until a new Afghan government acceptable to both anti-communist rebels and the current Soviet-backed administration is in place.

Compromise  
Pakistan shares a long, mountainous border with Afghanistan and three million of the five million refugees who have fled the nine-year-old guerrilla war are living here.

Officials in Islamabad say the Pakistani fear is that an agreement which did not end the fighting would leave them high and dry, suffering both the burden of the refugees and the spillover from the fighting.

Pakistan wants a compromise administration to be worked out between the rebels and President Najibullah's People's Democratic Party (PDDP) before the Soviet withdrawal.

"From Pakistan's viewpoint any solution which does not ensure conditions of peace and security and an end to strife will be no more than half a solution," a Foreign Ministry spokesman said on Thursday.

But diplomatic sources said Vorontsov, the first senior Soviet official to visit for more than a

year, had brushed aside all Pakistani attempts during his two days of talks, to discuss how an interim government was to be formed.

"Nobody will try to form a government for Afghanistan from outside," he told reporters at Islamabad airport. "It is nobody's business but the business of the Afghans themselves."

Western diplomats in Islamabad say Mikhail Gorbachev's sudden intervention last Monday and public pressure for a quick settlement at Geneva had caught Pakistan by surprise and put Islamabad under considerable diplomatic pressure.

Masterpiece  
The Soviet leader said his troops could start withdrawing from Afghanistan on May 15, provided agreement was reached in the UN sponsored peace talks by mid-March.

He also said the pullout could be completed in 10 months, a reduction of two months from the previous Soviet estimate and only two more than Pakistan's proposal of eight months.

The diplomats described Gorbachev's move, broadly welcomed in Western capitals, as a masterpiece of "public diplomacy" which could go some way towards putting the onus for resolving the conflict on Pakistan and its US backers.

"Any delays in the signing of the Geneva accords will mean only one thing and that will be delay in the withdrawal of Soviet forces," Vorontsov said. "We don't know who will take that responsibility."

The Soviet official was in noticeably better humour than Pakistani Foreign Ministry Secretary Abdul Sattar, who accompanied him to the airport.

Some diplomatic observers of the Afghan conflict believe that if the Geneva negotiations collapse, the Soviet Union will withdraw its forces anyhow, with at least some prospect of chaos and civil war to follow.

Asked about this on Thursday, Vorontsov replied: "It's not in the plans now." He did not elaborate.

US hopes Palestinian uprising will open up new opportunities for peace

## Wild card Robertson makes life difficult for Bush

THE presidential primary elections, a peculiarly American political obstacle race to determine the candidate who should represent the Democratic and Republican parties in the final contest for the presidency, began with a surprise.

Every poll correctly predicted the winners of the caucus in the state of Iowa — Senator Bob Dole and Congressman Richard Gephardt — but none predicted that Pat Robertson, a television evangelist, would come in second and well ahead of Vice President George Bush. The candidate who lost the most votes to Robertson was Bush.

What does this mean? If Robertson continues to rob the Vice President of votes, as he did in Iowa, he would effectively help Dole to become the Republican candidate for the presidency.

Persuasive  
What makes Robertson a "wild card," as they say in the game of poker, is his "invisible army," as it has been dubbed, the people who for years have been listening to his religious television broadcasts. They believe in his teachings, politically conservative with a strong emphasis on family values. Iowa is essentially a liberal state and yet the conservative Robertson did well. He obviously is a persuasive speaker who knows how to use the medium of television. That's why he remains a "wild card" in the next primary elections.

In Tuesday's New Hampshire primary Bush leads in the polls. The big question mark is whether the results of Iowa will hurt him there. If he ends up well ahead of Dole, his chances for the nomination remain strong because he is likely to win in the south.

But if he wins by only a narrow margin and Robertson again scores inroads, his prospects will decline sharply. And if he loses, he might as well give up the race.

If he manages to stay in the race, he will find Robertson a growing problem because his strength is in the Middle West and the south.

Of course, the more attention focuses on Robertson the more

he will come under public scrutiny. Fundamentalist preachers have aroused deep suspicions, his audiences, for instance, behave as if they were in church, they shout hallelujah at the end of his speeches which political audiences normally do not do. He has, therefore, begun to soften his religious image. He does not refer to himself anymore as a preacher or a man of God, but as a "Christian businessman."

Hard  
The race among the Democrats is much harder to analyse. The three men in sharp competition are Richard Gephardt, who won Iowa, Senator Paul Simon, who came in second and Governor Dukakis.

Iowa was almost home territory for Gephardt. His state of Missouri borders on Iowa, it is primarily rural and working class and he spent about three years campaigning there.

Governor Dukakis of Massachusetts will probably do as well in New Hampshire as Gephardt did in Iowa, maybe better.

Simon, most likely, will have a hard time from now on to stay in second place, as he did in Iowa.

Senator Albert Gore is waiting in the wings. He hopes to get his political momentum on what is called Super-Tuesday when most of the southern states hold their primary.

The Democrats, too, have their "wild card" and, by coincidence, he too is a preacher: the Reverend Jesse Jackson. His strength is in the south and in some of the Middle-Western industrial states.

It is an extraordinary long, costly and cumbersome way of selecting presidential candidates. It is outmoded because the means of communication across this huge continent are now so much easier and simpler than they used to be even 20 years ago.

But too many states are insisting on having their own say in this electoral horse race. And the news media only reinforce this feeling, for primaries and caucuses throw individual states into the limelight and candidates

## Inside Washington

By Henry Brandon



Dole: ahead

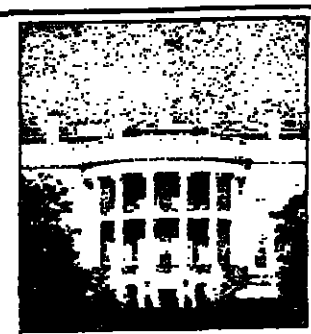
and the reporters — there were 3,000 of them to cover the caucus in Iowa — spend vast sums of money on hotels, advertising, restaurants, communications. And which state would want to forgo those few weeks every four years in the sun.

Two West Bank Palestinians, one with arms broken by Israeli soldiers, made the rounds in official and unofficial quarters here a few days ago.

Apart from wanting to provide living proof of the treatment Israeli soldiers were meting out, they were also trying to find out whether the United States would get involved in a new search for a solution to the situation in the occupied territories.

They were told that Palestinians who are recognised as leaders must take command and be willing to enter into negotiations, only then will the Reagan administration get involved.

It seems that a new generation



Robertson: challenge

of Palestinians is generating the current turmoil in the occupied territories, but that nobody knows exactly who the leaders are and whether they have enough authority to take charge and involve themselves in negotiations aiming at local elections that would at first lead to some sort of local autonomy.

At least to the American television viewer the rioting in the streets of towns in the occupied West Bank and Gaza seem haphazard and unorganised. But that impression is deceptive.

The demonstrations are apparently quite well orchestrated. Proof of this is the fact that foreign press and television reporters can easily find out in occupied Jerusalem where and when the next demonstrations will occur. They are being shifted almost daily from one town to another in order to put a strain on the Israeli military forces.

They have indeed forced the

Israeli government to shift troops from other areas to the occupied territories and thus make a review of the strategic disposition of its forces necessary. In the past, for instance, only a colonel used to be in charge of the garrison in Gaza. Now it is a general and there are three different commands.

Vague  
The fact that the Reagan administration has decided to send the State Department's top-ranking Middle East expert, Assistant Secretary of State Richard Murphy, to sound out various Arab and Israeli leaders is a reflection of a feeling that, maybe, the new pressures generated by the uprising will open up some new opportunities.

He left with a vague plan, an attempt to resuscitate the last chapter of the Camp David accords, which called for political autonomy of the West Bank and Gaza.

Prime Minister Begin rejected the idea at the time, but there seems to be a new receptivity to it in Israel to be followed by an international peace conference to decide on the final status of the West Bank and Gaza.

Hosni Mubarak, the Egyptian President, during his recent visit to Washington, tried to persuade the Reagan administration to go all out for an international peace conference, he did the same when he met with leading members of the so-called foreign policy establishment. But when Henry Kissinger — one of those present — doubted the wisdom of

convoking such a conference without having first agreed more precisely on its aims, the President was at a loss for an answer.

The Reagan administration gave lukewarm support to such a conference last fall, but it is my impression now that it is heeding Kissinger's advice and that it wants to distance itself from that idea.

Nobody seems to have worked out an agenda for such a conference, its exact function and its ultimate objective.

Moreover, it would give the Soviet Union opportunities to

broaden its influence in the region and to damage American interests.

There is also the question of how much of a role King Hussein of Jordan, the prime advocate of the conference, can still play in settling the West Bank and Gaza question.

Bitter  
Would it not be simpler, some American officials are asking, if Israel were to negotiate directly with the newly elected Palestinian officials? They also wonder whether it might not suit the Israelis and Palestinians better than having King Hussein as an interlocutor. It may well be, they speculate, that history has passed the King by, and that he knows it by now. Hence, his increasing bitterness about the peace process.

Last autumn President Reagan and Secretary of State Shultz decided to shelve all thought of a Middle Eastern peace initiative. They drew the obvious conclusion that in 1988, with national elections in the United States and Israel, it would be a hopeless undertaking.

But the riots, the difficulties they are creating for the Israeli government and the embarrassment the Israeli's use of force is engendering among the American Jewish community, it is felt in the White House, may be creating a new flexibility worth exploring.

Shultz, who had turned away from Middle Eastern affairs in disgust, despairing of any new initiatives, I am told, is suddenly keen to test whether the latest events have not opened up opportunities that did not exist before.

He does not feel that the American elections present an obstacle to the latest exploratory effort as long as it does not lead to serious differences with the Israeli government.

There are limits to which, under current circumstances, the US can pressure Israel without the American Jewish leaders turning from pressuring Israel to pressuring the Reagan administration.

## South Korean press enjoying freedom

By Paul Shin

SEOUL, (AP): The South Korean press is enjoying a broad degree of freedom after years of tough official control even though critics claim the government still controls the news.

Few observers would deny that press freedom has increased greatly since last summer with the nation's newspapers vigorously reporting and commenting on politics and other subjects that for years were limited or banned by the government.

President-elect Roh Tae-Woo, who takes office Feb 25, promises to ensure full press freedom and made it a key point in his campaign. The government began easing press restrictions last summer under pressure from Roh.

"We have done much and there should be nothing to complain about," assistant Culture Information Minister Lee Jung-Bae told the Associated Press in a recent interview.

Journalists agree the government has abandoned most controls on the domestic press such as regular visits to newspapers by security agents and "press guidelines" that dictated what could be reported and in what way.

Dropped  
Government requirements on registration of journalists have been dropped and new legislation will end limits on newspapers having news bureaus outside their hometowns. There also

will be no limits on the number of pages a newspaper can publish daily.

"The ball is in the court of the news media. It's up to them," said Rep. Lee Min-Sup, a ranking member of Roh's ruling Democratic Justice Party (DJP).

Opposition politicians and dissidents contend much of the press still remains under government control and that press activity is severely curtailed by the government's "hidden hands."

Roh, candidate of the ruling DJP, defeated rival opposition leaders Kim Young-Sam and Kim Dae-Jung in the Dec 16 presidential elections. The opposition contends that Roh will continue the authoritarian rule of his ally and mentor, outgoing President Chun Doo-Hwan.

Rep. Kim Tae-Ryong, spokesman for the main opposition Reunification Democratic Party (RDP), said, "no basic changes have been made and the press still is no more than a public relations tool of the government."

The opposition claims the government is exerting strong behind-the-scenes influence and control ranging from intimidation to patronage and bribery. They also contend the media is packed with government supporters.

Rep. Ahn Dong-Sun, spokesman for the opposition Party for Peace and Democracy (PPD), said press freedom was limited by "domesticated" journalists practicing "self-censorship."



A Palestinian youth lies in a hospital with a broken arm, a smashed knee and facial bruises. He was beaten up by Israeli forces.

## Epidemic of violence in occupied areas

By Mary Sedor

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM, (AP): Israeli soldiers are systematically beating Palestinians in an "epidemic of violence" in the occupied territories and the injuries are frequently more disabling than gunshot wounds, an American medical team has said.

Dr. H. Jack Geiger, a member of the Boston-based Physicians for Human Rights, said the group visited hospitals in the occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip and found evidence Army brutality had become "the norm" in subduing two months of unrest.

"We collected medical evidence of an uncontrolled epidemic of violence by the Army ... on a scale and severity that might not be clear to the public," said Geiger, of the City University of New York.

"If this was a war, (much) of what we have seen would be regarded as atrocities," he added.

Norm  
Speaking at a news conference, Geiger said: "The number, rate and scope of the beatings and trauma we have seen cannot be considered deviations or aberrations. They come closer to being the norm."

An Army spokesman said the doctors' report was "simplistic" and denied the military had a policy of systematic beatings to punish Palestinians. "The policy is to use force to disperse a violent demonstration," he said.

He said cases of excessive beatings had occurred in the past, but they were investigated and "it's been brought under control."

Geiger and three other US doctors spent one week visiting

hospitals in the West Bank, Gaza Strip and Israel as part of a fact-finding mission organised by Physicians for Human Rights.

At Gaza City's Shifa Hospital on Wednesday, an Associated Press reporter accompanied the doctors on a tour of wards filled with dozens of Arabs with beatings and gunshot wounds.

A Palestinian doctor showed the group a wooden truncheon reinforced with metal bands that was cracked in half. He said Israeli soldiers broke it while beating a 75-year-old man from the Jabalya refugee camp.

The American doctors examined Youssef Hamad, 40, of Gaza City, whose legs were in casts extending from his feet to upper thighs and whose arms were in casts to the shoulders.

Large black bruises covered Hamad's back and several of his ribs were broken. His bandaged head was covered with 12 deep gashes, the doctors said.

Hamad said he was beaten by 10 soldiers who saw him walking past an outlawed Palestinian flag hanging from a building and apparently believed he had put it there.

Geiger said Hamad's injuries illustrated that Israeli soldiers beat Palestinians who are rarely able to fight back. "There is no way in the world anyone could get these kinds of injuries resisting arrest," Geiger said.

Tied  
Israeli legislators on Thursday demanded the Army investigate allegations of brutal beatings, including a report from reserve soldiers who said they saw troops beat 17 Arabs in the West Bank village of Halloul on Monday.

Ran Cohen of the left-wing

Citizens Rights Movement said the reservists told him members of the Army's elite Golani Brigade tied the Arabs wrists, clubbed them until they could no longer walk and then left them in a garbage dump.

Legislator Amnon Rubinstein also demanded that Rabin investigate the death of 17-year-old Fiaid Tarazi of Gaza City, who died Wednesday from a severe head injury his family alleges was caused by a beating from soldiers. Hospital officials said he died one day after being detained by soldiers.

On Thursday, Ms Leaning showed reporters an X-ray of an Arab's broken hand and said the fracture occurred as the victim "warded off blows."

"Fractures like these don't occur when your hands are in a fist and you're defending yourself," she said.

Geiger said the doctors would publish a report on their findings and send it to Defence Minister Yitzhak Rabin, who ordered soldiers last month to use clubs instead of gunfire to disperse protesters, saying it would save lives.

Geiger said he saw six Palestinians permanently paralysed in one or more limbs as the result of gunshot wounds, including one who was paralysed from the neck down.

He showed X-rays to illustrate how the high-velocity bullets used by Israeli soldiers shattered bones and scattered lead fragments.

Dr Jennifer Leaning of Harvard University said the doctors also observed "a systematic pattern of breaking limbs by beatings that is designed to fall short of killing victims."

"The soldiers do not appear to be out of control. That is one of the darker things we saw. They are restraining their use of force," she said. "The potential for far greater violence is present."

Ms Leaning said the doctors saw many cases of Palestinians with multiple fractures of their legs, knees, arms, elbows and hands, but observed fewer Arabs with mid-body injuries and only one broken collarbone.

She said in many cases the beating injuries were more disabling than gunshot wounds. She cited two cases of Arabs with permanent kidney failure caused by protein leaking into the blood stream from ruptured muscle tissue.

In another case, a 59-year-old Palestinian man from Gaza City suffered brain damage and was barely able to speak as the result of a head injury, Ms Leaning said.

Inability  
"Some of the massive deep bruises and swelling from contusions we saw will permanently paralyze or paralyze muscles and result in the inability to use the limbs again normally," she said.

Physicians for Human Rights investigates alleged human rights violations and has dispatched teams to seven countries over the past year, Geiger said.

The two other doctors on the team sent to Israel and the territories were psychiatrists Dr Leon Shapiro of the Massachusetts Mental Health Centre and Dr Bennet Simon of Cambridge Hospital in Cambridge, Mass. Bennet and Simon are also on the faculty of Harvard Medical School.

## TODAY IN HISTORY

- 1540 — Holy Roman Emperor Charles V enters Ghent and executes leaders of revolt.
- 1663 — Canada becomes a royal province of France.
- 1797 — British fleet under John Jervis and Horatio Nelson defeat Spanish off Cape Saint Vincent.
- 1846 — Uprising in Czarow Republic spread swiftly throughout Poland.
- 1893 — Hawaii is annexed by treaty to the United States.
- 1929 — Seven hoodlums, rivals of Al Capone gang in Chicago, Illinois, are murdered in garage in what becomes known as "Saint Valentine's Day massacre."
- 1943 — Soviet forces recapture Rostov from Germans in World War II.
- 1950 — Soviet Union and China sign 80-year treaty in Moscow.
- 1956 — Soviet Premier Nikita Khrushchev denounces Joseph Stalin's policies at Soviet Communist Party conference.
- 1958 — Union of kingdoms of Iraq and Jordan into Arab federation with King Faisal as head of state.
- 1972 — US trade restrictions against China are relaxed, putting China on same basis as Soviet Union.
- 1976 — Nigerian government confirms that nation's head of state, General Murtala Ramat Muhammed, was assassinated at start of attempted coup d'etat.
- 1978 — US government announces plans to sell billions of dollars worth of arms to Egypt and Saudi Arabia as well as to Israel, saying it will maintain military balance in Middle East.
- 1987 — Dissident Andrei Sakharov calls for "open and democratic" Soviet Union at Kremlin-sponsored peace forum in Moscow.





Skiing is bad for the landscape and wildlife, says the World Wildlife Fund which is fighting against any expansion in slopes.

## Skiing causes environmental headache

By Peter Conradi

OBERSAXEN, Switzerland, (Reuters): As holiday skiers across Europe head for the Alpine slopes, a debate rages in the valleys below on the environmental consequences of a favourite Swiss pastime.

Downhill skiing may be fun, but environmentalists say it upsets the delicate balance between Alpine flora and fauna and attracts thousands of fans whose cars clog the roads and kill trees with their exhaust fumes.

With authorities also curbing new lift and piste building, it makes bad news for ski resorts already suffering from a slow-down in the numbers of visitors.

"Tourism is the only way of dealing with the depopulation of our villages here," says Urs Brandenburger, head of the local tourist board in Obersaxen, a tiny 650-strong community in the Eastern canton of Graubunden.

"It is all very well for these people to come here from the big cities and say they do not want any more expansion, but tourism is our only chance and we have to seize it."

Graubunden, a corner of Switzerland sandwiched between Austria and Italy, is the country's most popular destination for winter sports fans. A quarter of all tourists skiing at Quiersee come here.

Around half the canton's population earns a living either directly or indirectly from tour-

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ism, making any decision on skiing of vital importance for all — from those in large, well-known resorts like St Moritz or Davos down to 'two-lift towns' like Obersaxen.

Already, partly under the influence of the environmental lobby, cantonal authorities have moved to slow the growth in lift and slopes which expanded rapidly in the boom years of the 1960s and 1970s.

But Marco Hartmann, head of the cantonal tourist board, says a complete standstill is impossible: "We cannot live with zero-growth."

**Bad**

Brandenburger says the curb on lift and slope building threatens the survival of nearby villages which need to bring money and jobs to their community. "Without tourism, these villages are faced with extinction," he says.

Obersaxen itself plans to build 50 more holiday homes, and could, he believes, do with another three hotels.

But environmentalists are not content with the limits on building announced by authorities and are concerned they

could be circumvented under pressure from the tourist industry.

"Skiing is bad for the landscape and wildlife," said Hansueli Mueller of the World Wildlife Fund (WWF), which is fighting against any expansion in slopes.

The lifts and snow cannons use a lot of energy and skiing brings in extra traffic. We are not against skiing — I am a keen skier myself — we just think more is not necessarily better."

Environmentalists like Mueller have been long concerned about what they see as the harmful effects of skiing.

But in Switzerland, where worries about pollution and dying trees are hot political issues, the subject has now begun to seize public attention.

Government reports have outlined the damage done by so-called 'off-piste' skiers, those who leave the regular marked slopes, and also of snow-cannons, machines used to produce snow when there is a shortage of the real thing.

Protests by environmentalists — including an incident last year at Crans Montana when

demonstrators climbed trees due to be cut down on the world championship ski course — have further brought the issue to public attention.

Research by the WWF and others shows the carving out of fresh slopes severely disrupts the soil, plants and animals, while skiers leaving the marked slopes can scare away wildlife.

Mueller described how whole colonies of marmots and other mountain animals have been wiped out by the onslaught of slope-clearing bulldozers.

**Good**

In Graubunden, where public transport is not good, skiing also leads to a massive inflow of vehicles.

The problem has been exacerbated by last month's completion of a motorway link with Switzerland's largest city, Zurich, now just over an hour and a half from many resorts. Tourist numbers are expected to increase by around 10 per cent as a consequence.

Environmentalists say curbs on fresh building would be in the interest not only of the environment but also of the hotel, restaurant and ski lift companies, themselves.

With around three million out of some six million Swiss already skiing, there is just not that much scope for much further expansion, they say. Lift companies will merely be taking business away from one another, they say.

## Six deaths daily in Athens due to smog

# Governments act to clear the air

By Granville Watts

ATHENS: Like a modern plague, smog has settled on many of the world's great cities. As roads become increasingly clogged with traffic, governments are under pressure to find new ways to clean the air.

Cities such as Tokyo and London have succeeded in checking air pollution, but the problem is worsening in places like Athens and Rome, according to a Reuters survey.

Faced with a mounting public outcry, the Greek government recently announced tough new anti-smog measures including the banning of all cars from a large area of the centre of Athens, special exhaust systems for buses and halving the number of taxis in the city centre.

The drastic measures follow a statement by a doctors' conference saying that six deaths daily in Athens could be attributed to smog. Environmental groups and doctors attributed many of the 1,000 deaths in a heatwave last July to pollution-related respiratory ailments.

Los Angeles, one of the first major cities to confront smog in the 1950s, could take another 20 years to meet government clean air guidelines, according to city air quality official Thomas Eichhorn.

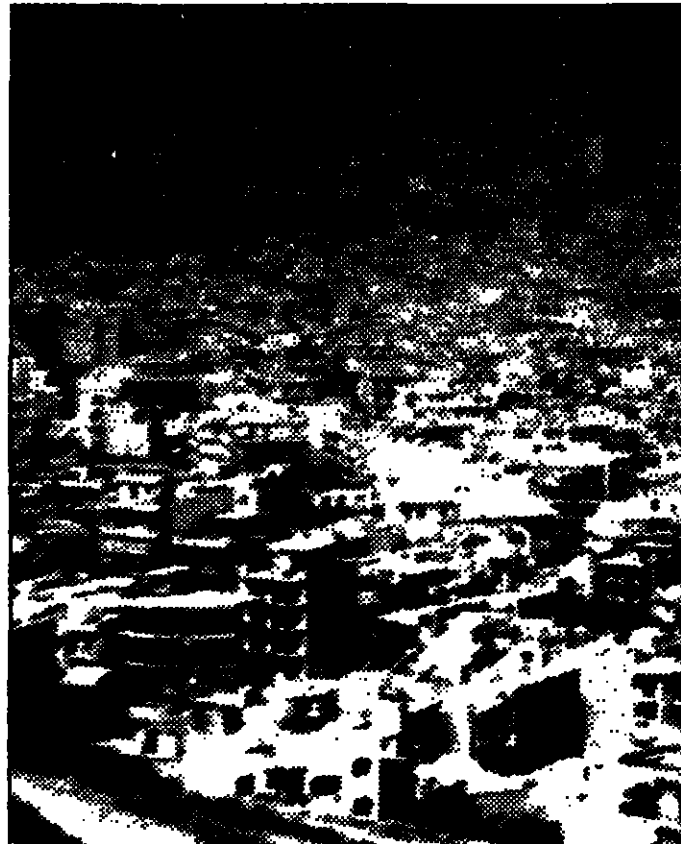
"That is a very aggressive programme, even to shoot for 20 years," Eichhorn said.

Last November a new programme was approved for Los Angeles companies to provide incentives for employees to form car pools but environmental groups say the authorities are not moving fast enough to pass new laws or enforce existing ones.

The situation is even worse in Latin America where Mexico City and Sao Paulo have grown to monstrous proportions.

Mexico City, with a population of 18 million, has 2.3 million automobiles circulating daily with no pollution-reducing equipment.

Ecology groups say pollution could result in thousands of deaths each year in Mexico



Athens under a cloud of pollution known as nefos, which hovers over the city for much of the year.

City, but these estimates are denied by the government.

Among measures taken by the government is the introduction of low-lead gasoline and the changing of school opening times to avoid early morning hours when the smog is worst.

Officials in Sao Paulo, the southern hemisphere's biggest city with 16 million people, also cite the Brazilian city's 2.5 million vehicles as the major source of smog.

The Brazilian government has a 10-year programme to make cars as pollution-free in 1997 as they are now in the United States and Japan.

In Rome, intense traffic made the smog situation so bad last year that traffic police took to wearing face masks to protect against government inertia in tackling the problem.

Renato Zico, a lung specialist at Rome's Regina Elena hospital, said: "Studies show that the rate of respiratory diseases in Rome city centre is about three times that in the suburbs."

In Hungary, the attractions of Budapest are offset by the bitter taste left on the tongue by its polluted air.

"A one-hour stroll in a busy part of town will load the lungs with combustion products equal to those produced by smoking a packet of cigarettes," the Hungarian news agency MTI reported.

**Synonyms**

Even in Switzerland, once synonymous with healthy clean air, the government has adopted a new smog alarm system whereby citizens are warned whenever sulphur dioxide levels climb above 200 micrograms per cubic metre of air.

Switzerland has adopted the toughest auto emission standards in Europe, cut speed limits and boosted public transport subsidies in its fight to reduce air pollution.

In Peking, foreign environmentalists compare air pollution with the London smog of 30 years ago, the main culprit being high-sulphur coal burnt in stoves to heat the homes of millions of urban families.

China has not published figures for deaths linked to air pollution, but respiratory diseases are common and the distinctive hacking coughs of Peking residents can be heard on every street corner in the morning rush-hour.

Surprisingly, the level of air pollution from Bangkok's legendary traffic jams remains within acceptable limits set by international standards.

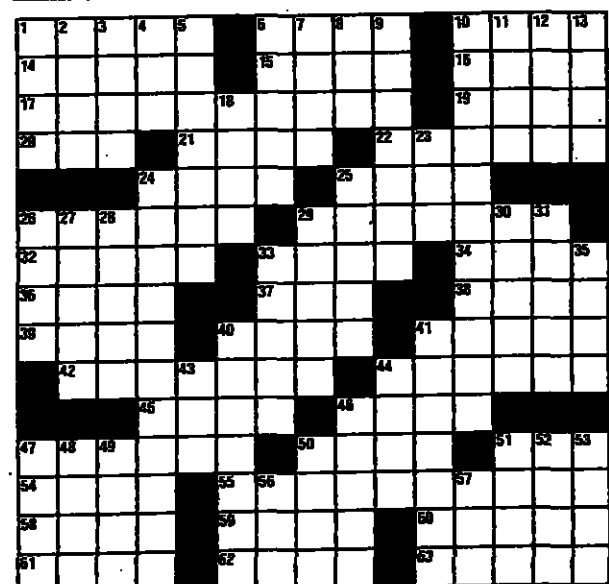
Sirithan Pairoj-Boriboo, director of the Thai National Environment Board (NEB), said it was feared that smog from cars would become a problem in the future.

A Neb report said there was concern about high concentrations of carbon monoxide and heavy metal lead in some parts of Bangkok.

Two of the world's few smog bright spots are London and Tokyo, once among the most air polluted cities but which have successfully done away with most air-borne pollutants.

But Blake says restrictions on car emissions introduced recently need to be stronger.

## TODAY'S CROSSWORD



- ACROSS**
- Opened the throne
  - At the peak
  - Shakespearean king
  - Unaccompanied
  - Columbian
  - Gaelic
  - "007" adversary
  - Poker play
  - Red or Coral
  - Thought
  - Trying experience
  - Word in a Dickens' title
  - Stumble-bunny
  - Salty solution
  - Part-colored horse
  - Common contraction
  - Cowpoke's pal
  - Yegg's means of entry
  - Housedress
  - Hockey surface
  - Pasternak character
  - "The last frontier" gp.
  - Proofreader's mark
  - Detection device
  - One of one hundred
  - Selected
  - Yemen's capital
  - Normandy city
  - Boring tool
  - James Fenimore Cooper heroine
  - Small lizard
  - Seed covering
  - Reward for gallantry
  - Reduce
  - Steinbeck
- DOWN**
- Tatters
  - Cosmetic ingredient
  - Soft drink
  - Conclude
  - Rebellious
  - Wild buffalo
  - Forum wear
  - Washington's bill
  - Released conditionally
  - Unlikely flyer?
  - Sea bird
  - Movie canine
  - Lively dance
  - Raising
  - Reiner or Lowe
  - Musical "thoroughfare"
  - Danube feeder
  - Cut with a toothed blade
  - Legal instrument
  - Sulky puller
  - Bank's business
  - The Furies of myth
  - Scaler's equipment
  - Fix an argyle
  - Texan's topper
  - Moiré of ballet fame
  - Lemon follower
  - World-relief org.
  - Assamblage of witches
  - Stare
  - Site of Tehran
  - Missile type
  - Muse of history
  - School near Windsor Castle
  - Recede
  - Pine, e.g.
  - Presidential nickname
  - Madrid Mrs.

## GOREN BRIDGE

BY CHARLES GOREN AND OMAR SHARIF  
TAKE THE RISK WHERE NONE EXISTS

Both vulnerable. North deals.

**NORTH**  
 ♠ A J 10 6  
 ♥ A Q J 8 7 4  
 ♦ A 7  
 ♣ 6

**WEST**  
 ♠ 7 2  
 ♥ 10 9 5 2  
 ♦ K Q 8  
 ♣ 10 9 4 2

**EAST**  
 ♠ 8 4  
 ♥ K  
 ♦ J 10 5 4 2  
 ♣ K J 7 5 3

**SOUTH**  
 ♠ K Q 9 5 3  
 ♥ 6 3  
 ♦ 9 6 3  
 ♣ A Q 8

The bidding:

North	East	South	West
1 ♠	Pass	1 ♠	Pass
4 ♠	Pass	5 ♠	Pass
5 ♠	Pass	5 ♠	Pass
6 ♠	Pass	Pass	Pass

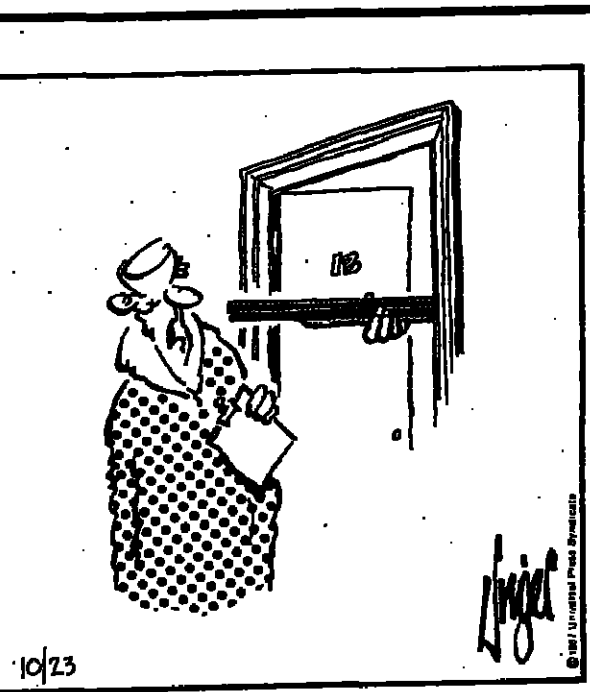
Opening lead: King of ♠  
 If you take a quick look at this hand, you might think that, after a diamond lead, declarer has to resort to a heart finesse in an effort to make his slam. He has a better line available.

The bidding is interesting. North was preparing to reverse into spades when his partner responded in that suit. Instead, North made the splinter bid of four clubs, showing

game-going values in spades and a singleton club. South announced slam interest by cue-bidding five clubs, but could make no move over his partner's diamond cue-bid—he had shown everything with his move toward slam. However, North had more than enough to bid the slam—South had to have the king of trumps, ace of clubs and at least one other card for his bidding.

The moment of truth came right away. West led the king of diamonds, and declarer was in danger of losing a trick in each red suit. He drew trumps in two rounds, ending in hand, and led a heart. When West followed with the deuce, declarer hopped up with dummy's ace, and great was the fall thereof.

No, South had not peeked at East's hand and seen the singleton king—he was simply combining his chances for the best percentage shot at his contract. Had the king of hearts not dropped, South was going to a heart finesse in clubs! Even though he had no loser in that suit, were the club finesse to win, declarer would have been able to discard dummy's diamond loser on the ace of clubs, still making his slam. He was simply getting two chances for the price of one.



## THE WIZARD OF ID

By Brant Parker and Johnny Hart



## B.C.

By Johnny Hart



## YOUR STARS

- Aries (March 20 - April 18)**  
 You are subject to the more favourable influence of Jupiter and Venus and this will help you to get your way in many but not all things. Make sure you stay on the right side of your partner.
- Cancer (June 21 - July 21)**  
 You will not feel quite at ease nor will the influence of the Moon help you. You should do all you can to rid yourself of negative thoughts. Avoid dropping names. Be moderate.
- Libra (Sept. 22 - Oct. 22)**  
 If you think you are God's gift to women you will soon be shown the error of your ways. Do not allow yourself to be discouraged by what at first seems a formidable obstacle. Nor should you delude yourself.
- Capricorn (Dec. 22 - Jan 19)**  
 You will be able to make some changes for the better. Something you have been working on will begin to show fruit. Make sure you are not being a nuisance to others. Be resilient.
- Taurus (April 19 - May 19)**  
 The influence of the Moon and of Saturn will help you to have a pleasant day. You will be able to see yet to eye with your partner. Keep your wits very much about you. Be sober.
- Leo (July 22 - Aug. 21)**  
 Do not think you do not have anything more to learn. You should take your mind off work for the day. Make sure you are correctly dressed for the climate. Be a little more self-critical.
- Scorpio (Oct. 23 - Nov. 21)**  
 Today you will be able to do something constructive. You should pursue your culture interests. Take a little but not too vehement exercise. Be generous.
- Aquarius (Jan. 20 - Feb. 18)**  
 You should not engage in gossip nor partake in intrigue. Venus's more favourable influence will help you put your personal affairs into better order. When visiting you should not overstay your leave.
- Gemini (May 20 - June 20)**  
 You will be able to have a most pleasant day. You will have something personal to be pleased about. Make sure you treat your children the age they are. Be flexible.
- Virgo (Aug. 22 - Sept. 21)**  
 You will feel more sure of yourself, but must avoid being cocksure. You are too liable to believe what you want to believe rather than facing facts. Listen closely to what others are saying. Be loyal.
- Sagittarius (Nov. 22 - Dec. 21)**  
 Mar's better influence will help you to see your situation more clearly. Do not expect to have it all your own way. Try to avoid getting into a muddle. Be tolerant.
- Pisces (Feb. 19 - March 19)**  
 You will be able to do something more constructive. You will have to make a decision and it will not be very pleasant. You should not judge by appearances. Be considerate.



## FILIPINO DIGEST

## SNIPPETS

## Marcos daughter very ill



Mrs. Imee Marcos: needs medical care.

HONOLULU (AP). — Mrs. Imee Marcos says her daughter, Mrs. Imee Manotoc, desperately needs medical care in the United States, but a Philippine official said the move might be a ploy to avoid an investigation into alleged corruption during former President Marcos's rule, the Honolulu Star-Bulletin reports.

"I'm pleading for help for my very sick daughter," Mrs. Marcos said. "I don't know where to turn."

## Saudi envoy clarifies report

THE Saudi Arabian ambassador to the Philippines clarified a report that said his government will not support the Moro National Liberation Front's bid for membership in the Organisation of Islamic Countries.

Fouad Hassan Faki said individual member countries of the OIC cannot decide on their own on the issue, adding that the Muslim body states issues "by consensus." The OIC is set to meet March this year to decide on the MNLFP application for membership.

The OIC, he said, is a gathering of Muslim governments. The OIC decision embodied in the 1976 Tripoli Agreement considers the MNLFP problem an "internal" one which should be settled within the realm of the Philippines.

## Caltex sued by Dona Paz owners

CALTEX Philippines, Inc. was included in the amended complaint filed by Sulpicio Lines, Inc. for recovery of its losses and damages in connection with the M/V Dona Paz and M/T Vector collision.

In its amended complaint, Sulpicio Lines alleged that the M/T Vector carried cargo of gasoline, kerosene and crude oil which was "responsible for the explosions and damages" caused to the M/V Dona Paz.

Sulpicio Lines further alleged that the M/T Vector was navigating "from Limay, Bataan bound for Masbate, heavily laden with gasoline, diesel, kerosene and other flammable products owned by the defendant Caltex, without navigational sidelights in a grossly unseaworthy condition rendering it a moving hazard to safe navigation."

## Witness in Ninoy murder case robbed

A KEY witness in the Aquino-Galman double murder case said yesterday that 40 men in military uniform barged into his house in Antipolo, Rizal, last Dec. 3, robbed him of P89,000 in cash and jewellery, and then kidnapped his business associate.

In a complaint filed before the Rizal PC command, Jessie Barcelona, 30, a Philippine Airlines (PAL) ground equipment operator, said that the men robbed him of P31,000 in cash and jewellery worth P58,000.

Barcelona said that he was not in his house in sitio Kay-Ada, barangay San Isidro, Antipolo, when the robbery took place.

The armed men, Barcelona said, found his business associate, Ponciano Cunanan, and threatened to kill him if he will not tell Barcelona's whereabouts.

## Visions due to hunger, says Sin

PEOPLE who see visions of God and the Virgin Mary should try eating more, Jaime Cardinal Sin said.

Sin's remark came after newspapers reported for a second day that crowds of worshippers had seen such visions.

"When you are hungry, you see visions. So my first advice is to eat. When you are not hungry, you will not see visions," Sin Manila's archbishop, told journalists. (Reuters)

## Military approach alone cannot solve communist insurgency

## Security situation 'not very good': Ramos

By Cesar M. Espino

DEFENCE Secretary Fidel V. Ramos admitted that the security situation in the country was "not very good" although the military has been inflicting more casualties on the communist rebels.

His admission came a day after Gen. Renato S. de Villa, AFP chief of Staff, said the New People's Army is now 25,000-strong. Hours earlier, armed forces spokesman Col Oscar Florendo stuck to military claims that the NPA only had 23,000 men, 15,000-16,000 of whom are fully-armed regulars.

The security situation, Ramos said in reply to a question at a press conference, "is still not very good. It is very bad in some places, but it is improving in many places."

But he added that he expects the situation to improve after the

last phase of the local elections this month. The final phase of the Jan 18 polls will be the elections in Sulu on Feb 15.

De Villa, for his part, said that despite the reported massing of communist urban guerrillas in Metro Manila, there is "no way" they can fight openly in the streets.

"We will annihilate them if they come out in the open. No way they can do that," de Villa said.

He also said the military has identified the leader of the Alex Boncayao Brigade, a unit of New People's Army urban guerrillas, nicknamed Sparrows, operating in Metro Manila. The ABB has claimed responsibility for the killing of some 150 soldiers and policemen in a series of ambushes last year.

Dr. Villa downplayed the military's own account on the number of Sparrows in the metropolis.



Ramos: total approach needed.

"The presence of liquidation teams in Metro Manila may be 100 now, 20 tomorrow or 200 the next day. What happened in Metro Manila is the CPP/NPA made it an open city for all units of the NPA and, therefore, people from the provinces come and

go," he said.

De Villa added that the rebels mostly come from Bulacan, Pampanga and Bataan, in the north and Quezon in the south.

The military Tuesday said it had pinpointed 19 areas in the metropolis being used by the Sparrows as "bases," but did not say whether they had moved to confirm rebel presence in those areas.

Ramos said the government is working hard to complete the setting up of Peace and Order Councils in the provincial and municipal levels. The councils will oversee civilian participation in the counterinsurgency drive.

Ramos said that military approach alone cannot solve the 20-year communist insurgency, he said the government will need a "total approach" that must include all sectors of society.

Once all the government agencies involved are in place, Ramos said, the country can expect more

results.

"We are about ready to go all out, although we have gone all out in some places," Ramos said, apparently referring to areas where there are working Peace and Order Councils.

Ramos said the military has responded vigorously to President Aquino's call for an intensification of the offensive against the rebels.

Citing a report from the defence department's operations monitoring centre, Ramos said there were 196 insurgency-related violent incidents in January, 125 of which were initiated by the military.

He said the clashes resulted in the death of 168 rebels. Soldiers suffered 61 killed during the same period.

The report said that Bicol, where rebels scored against the government last year, registered the most number of insurgency-related incidents last month.

## Aquino accused over human rights

By Humphrey Hawksley

A NEW Philippines human rights group, the National Movement for Civil Liberties, accused President Aquino of having allowed human rights violations to go on unchecked in her attempt to defeat the communist insurgency.

But the movement, a coalition of about 100 organisations, which was holding its founding congress in Manila, is unlikely to have any impact on the Government's new hard-line policy: the authorities have already branded many of its organisers as com-

munist sympathisers. It has, however, highlighted deep divisions within the Catholic Church, with many senior churchmen condemning the Archbishop of Manila, Cardinal Sin, for his statements last week that human rights groups had been infiltrated by communist insurgents.

A Catholic group, the Promotion of Church People's Rights, published an open letter to the Cardinal at the congress, saying it was "gravely disturbed" by his statements. "We are concerned about the dangers your utterances have created for church people and Christians... who, unlike you, have not turned a blind eye to human rights violations under any dispensation," it said.

The opening speakers at the congress accused Mrs. Aquino of moving towards "militarism and fascism", and said they were particularly concerned about the creation of civilian vigilante groups.

In a radio broadcast yesterday Mrs. Aquino continued her appeals for the public to become involved in the anti-insurgency campaign by asking citizens to help the troops track down urban guerrillas.

## Many diplomats claim refugee status

## Foreign service plagued by brain drain

By Alberto M. Alfaro

WASHINGTON D.C. — The Philippine foreign service is suffering from a brain drain.

Easy immigration rules and better economic prospects have encouraged foreign affairs personnel and members of the attaché services to stay in the countries where they were assigned instead of going back to Manila after they were recalled.

Since 1970 an estimated 1,000 foreign service officers, clerk attaches and their assistants have taken advantage of US immigration laws that allow them to remain in the United States legally. Some countries in Europe have also liberal rules on diplomats seeking a change of status.

Although the drain may have helped ease unemployment in Manila, the government is losing millions of pesos in training these skilled members of the diplomatic service who choose to remain in foreign countries.

Several years ago the Department of Foreign Affairs tried to stem the flow by making it hard for diplomats assigned abroad to remain there. New DFA rules

made it hard for them to buy houses or for their family members to work in foreign countries. But adverse reaction from the diplomatic service forced the DFA to amend the rules.

Foreign diplomats assigned in the US can avail themselves of two provisions in the immigration law to be able to remain here: One provision allows embassy and consular personnel performing diplomatic functions to change their status to permanent residents. But the big number of applicants for the yearly quota of 50 has created a backlog that goes back to 10 years.

The provision most diplomats now use is Section 13, which allows them to claim political refugee status. Under this provision, any Filipino can remain in the US simply by presenting proof that he will be persecuted for his political beliefs if he returns to his home country.

The biggest batch of Filipino political refugees came from the ranks of former diplomats and attaches who were in the US when President Marcos declared martial law in 1972 and after the people power uprising in 1986. At the Washington Post, for instance, the most

notable officers who had chosen to remain in the US after EDSA were Consul Ricardo

Marasigan, Bureau of Internal Revenue Attache Delfin Castro, Labour Attache Alfredo de la Rosa, Press Attache Reynaldo Naval and Media Attache Boots Anson Roa. Others, former newsmen who have availed themselves of Section 13 are Eugenio Ramos, Prudencio Europa, David Baquirin, Jaime Viray and Esperanto Curaming. Other personnel assigned to Philippine consulates in New York, the United Nations, Chicago, Los Angeles, San Francisco, Seattle, Houston and New Orleans have also sought refuge under this provision.

The incessant government crackdown on Marcos and his followers has given some former diplomats the excuse to claim refugee status. These "defectors" have now formed the core of anti-Aquino forces in the US capital to strengthen their status as political refugees. This has prompted the Philippine embassy into launching a counter-propaganda campaign by hiring public relations agencies here and claiming that the new opposition is being funded by Marcos from Hawaii.

But some of these "defectors" have remained here not so much for their political beliefs as for economic reasons. "There simply is no future for us in the Philippines," says a former official of the Philippine embassy. "If I go back how much will I get as a foreign service staff officer, P2,000?"

Another reason that compelled some of these diplomats to remain is the unsettled political situation in the Philippines. In fact, some of the families of former ranking embassy and consular officials had been recalled to the home office. "This is an insurance that if anything happens in Manila, I can easily flee and join my family here," says a diplomat who is now in the home office.

When a former diplomat applies for political refugee status, he and his family are immediately granted work permits until the state department and the Immigration and Naturalisation Service decide on his application. Because of the backlog of undecided cases, it takes from two to five years for these officers to make the decision. Even after the application is rejected, many Filipinos remain in the US illegally.

## Hepatitis strikes five million Filipinos

By Eddee R. H. Castro

MORE than 5 million Filipinos, most of them children, are infected with hepatitis B virus (HBV), a dreaded disease transmitted through the blood.

This was revealed by Dr. Antonio Lingao of the UP College of Medicine and member of the UP Liver Study Group at a

press conference sponsored by the Philippine Council for Health Research and Development (PCHRD) a sectoral council of the Department of Science and Technology (DOST).

Lingao called on the private sector to help control the spread of hepatitis B through the local production of affordable biological reagents for HBV

immuno-diagnosis and research purposes.

Reagents are materials used in testing blood for the presence of HBV.

The production of low-cost biological reagents will help control hepatitis B infection in the country since it is transmitted from mother to newborn babies. Lingao said that from the 1.5

million babies delivered per year, more than 51,000 infants get infected in the first year of life while 13,846 become effective carriers.

He stressed that it is very bad when children get infected because they are the ones who become chronic carriers of the disease.

## Fun and frolic at Flassik's Valentine's ball

## Oh! what a night

By Lima Al Khalafawi

Valentine Day was celebrated by an enthusiastic crowd at the Ramada Al Salam Hotel Friday night.

The dinner cum musical evening organised by the Filipino Ladies Association in Kuwait (Flassik) was attended by members of the local Filipino community and other nationalities.

The evening was filled with musical variety, comedy skits and dances performed to rapturous applause. A rock 'n' roll revival performed by the Terpsigheans was particularly popular.

"It was the first time that I celebrated Valentine's Day in Kuwait," said Kay Tupanam.

At home we usually exchange flowers or cards. Today I received a box of chocolates, said Ms. Tupanam thrilled at her gift.

This year Flassik was instrumental in organising an ambitious show different from the last two years, said master of ceremonies Gil Bangalan.

Dr. Ninoy P. Villanueva a radiologist at Mawassat Hospital was named the King of Hearts. The Queen was Isabelita Espiritus, 29-year-old medical technologist at Mawassat Hospital.

Valentine's Day is one of the several activities that Flassik is organising this year, said President of Flassik Aurora Aurellano. Proceeds of the function will finance other project helping Filipinos in Kuwait.

Flassik soon will start other activities such as cooking classes for all nationalities at one of the hotels, as well as language classes.

Aurellano said that Flassik's main achievement this year was their first ever visit to the central prison, in order to assess the conditions of the Filipinos there along with officials, with the permission of the Interior Ministry.

The Valentine's Day dinner musicale was attended by the Philippine embassy, Charge d'Affaires Fortunato Obiena and other embassy officials.

The Filipinos have given a new angle to the traditional Valentine's day celebration in Kuwait leading the way for other enthusiasts to follow soon.



Hello... is any one out there listening?



Will you be my Valentine?



Let's clasp our hands and dance



A comedy skit that brought the house down.



The King and Queen of Hearts.



One of the popular dance numbers.



A treat for lovers on Valentine's Day.



## Say it in words

## Love poems last longer than chocolates

By Michele Digrolamo

THERE comes a time in all relationships when the traditional gift of waxy chocolates in a tacky, neon-pink, pseudo-satin, heart-shaped box plucked off the drug store shelf just won't do the trick on Valentine's Day.

The Feb. 14 holiday, which got its start as a pagan love festival, is the one day a year set aside specifically for those in love or lust to formally celebrate their feelings for each other.

Chances are we have all bestowed upon our special person the time-honoured heart of chocolates on Valentine's Day. The more extravagant of us have probably even thrown in a bottle of champagne and

maybe a night on the town. But here is a suggestion for something different, something unique, something more personal than even silky lingerie, something that will last longer than a dozen red roses or the bubbles in dom perignon.

Write your lover a love poem. Before thou doth protesteth too much, listen to these suggestions from experts on how to, almost painlessly, turn out a luring verse guaranteed to make your sweetheart swoon.

The first, and most important bit of advice, according to William Matthews, author of seven poetry books, a professor of English at City College in New York and president of the Poetry Society of America, is to keep it short.

The last thing you want to do is bore the bejesus out of the

beloved," Matthews said.

From there, there are several paths you can take, Matthews said.

"You could describe the great value of the beloved, you can describe what you feel like — that elevated and special feverishness — or you can do things which in one way or another suggest the specialness of your feeling," Matthews said.

For instance, he said, you could make outrageous rhetorical promises such as "I'll love you until the rivers run dry."

"You make a series of unfulfillable promises in effect," Matthews said. "They are tokens of the special state of perception that love moon, spoon."

On the other hand, there is

another peril — that your amor will not recognise your poem as a poem if the end of each sentence doesn't rhyme.

"If your rule is better safe than sorry, you might want to stick to rhyme," Matthews said. "One advantage of writing in rhyme is sometimes you think of something to say that you would not have thought of in your normal thought process. It can be a spur to invention."

And don't worry if your verse is not up to Shakespeare's standards. If what you have with your partner is true love, it won't matter.

"Fortunately, if the person you are in love with returns the emotions, they'll conventionally accept (your poem)," Matthews said.

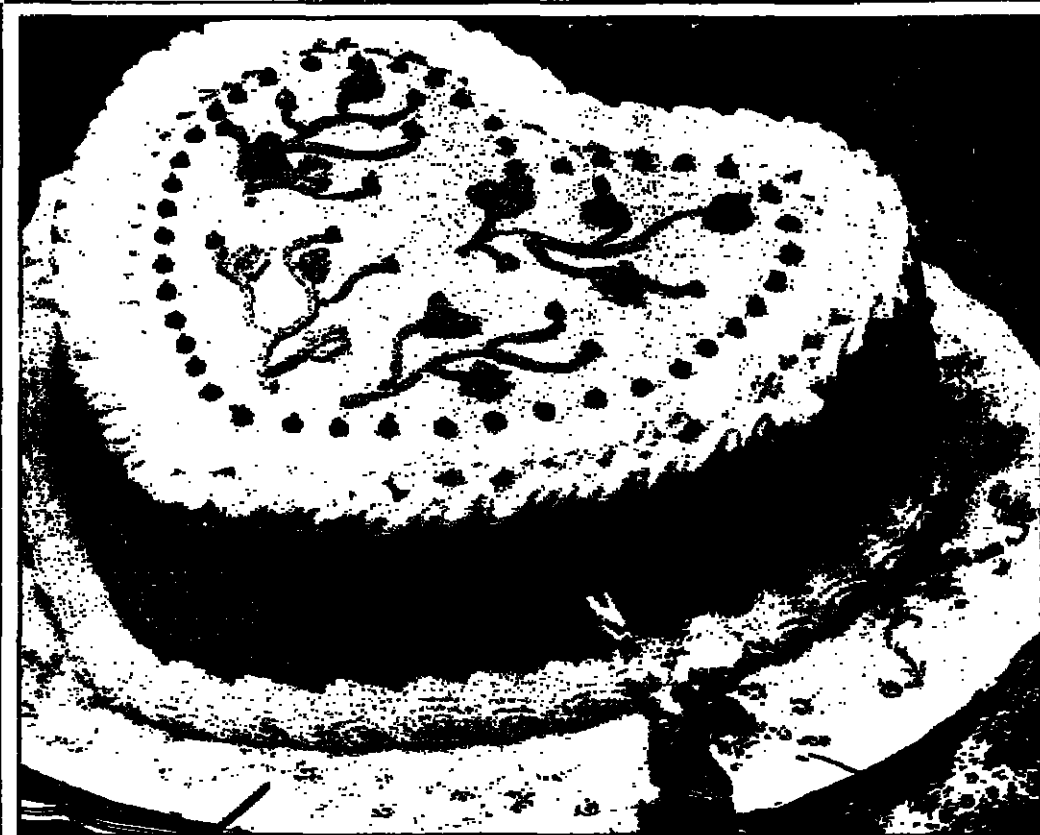
"The phrase is, 'it's the

thought that counts.' It's an expression of love. It's a poor lover who upon receiving a love poem immediately sits down to correct your grammar and offer a detailed criticism."

The experts admitted that writing a love poem is not as easy as buying a bauble for your paramour. They also warned that would-be poets should first decide whether their penned offering would be a hit with the recipient.

"It depends on whom your loved one is," said Matthews. "If she likes to dance and dress like Madonna, you are likely to get the poem hurled back into your face."

But, he said, a more sensitive lover will "understand that it is a special and highly desirable gift."



## If you aren't sure it's love, don't worry, says expert

By Ken Frankling

BOSTON, (UPI) — If your mother told you "you'll know" when it's real love, clinical psychologist Judith Sills has some unsettling — or perhaps reassuring — news for you.

Mother lied. If you aren't sure it's love, don't worry, says Sills, author of "A Fine Romance," a book on single adults and courtship.

She says the grand thing about love is its constant uncertainty. "One day you are sure. Then for a week you are unsure. Then you may be sure for a year or 20 years," she said. "All of those real ingredients of love. The emotional tone of love is ambivalence."

"One of the great myths is that you'll know if it is right, and if you don't feel that electric charge, it isn't love. Another myth is that there is a 'right person.'"

Courtship is fun and romantic, but Sills said she has found in her clinical practice in Philadelphia that for many couples, it is also aggravating and a source of pain because of the fear of rejection.

"The myth that is so painful is the myth of romantic love," Sills said. "In a singles bar, we give people seven seconds before deciding yes or no. In General, we give people three dates. The premise of romantic love leaves a lot of people awfully lonely."

"The single person is often the one who is holding this myth, measuring this standard of expectation. Measuring the differences between you is not the way you were told it is supposed to feel," she said.

"The great nature of what love is what we keep banging our heads against all the time. That hurts a lot of people. The feeling that 'maybe if I found the really right person, I wouldn't be fighting with him' ends a vital stage in courtship."

"Romance is the only area in our society where we have not broken through the myth and said it is okay to disagree," Sills said.

Those same feelings of uncertainty and ambivalence are just as applicable to "mature love" — the relationship that stands the test of time. "It's not just a matter of time," Sills said. "It's a matter of several components. Only one

of which is sexual passion," Sills said. "One of those components is intimacy — how close, how open you are to that person. Another bond is friendship, compatibility, a kind of Platonic feeling. Another is shared history."

## Relationship

"Ambivalence in that kind of relationship is the agony of 'do I still love you?' the quality of attachment changes over time. Sometimes it deepens, sometimes it is broken, sometimes it is temporarily broken. But we have a sense that if the bond is strong enough, there is something overriding and more powerful. The nature of mature love is everlasting. The attachment, and one hopes, the intimacy element of love and the Platonic element of love are strong enough to carry us through."

Sills says all of those elements change over time — "for better, for worse, and sometimes both in the same week."

Even in relatively stable marriages lasting 15 years or more, Sills said, the relationship is difficult. She says

## Love — '80s style



"This 'safe sex bouquet' created for Valentine's Day is the brainchild of a Washington florist. It consists of a dozen roses 'spiced' with baby's breath and a dozen condoms."

## Valentine's Day special

TODAY is St Valentine's Day

though which St Valentine is not clear. There are at least two St Valentines on record, one of them a Roman priest who was beheaded in the third century A.D. Bits of various St Valentines are found throughout Europe, including two bodies and a head in Spain, a body in Rome and another head elsewhere in Italy. Take your pick! No one's sure how St Valentine came to be the patron saint of romance, but there may be some confusion with the Norman word *galentine* which means "a ladies' man".

Whatever the origin, why not treat yourself or someone special to this Valentine's day cake.

## Ingredients

1 cup sugar  
3/4 cup butter or margarine (1/2 sticks), softened  
2-1/3 cups cake flour  
3/4 cup milk  
2-1/2 teaspoons baking powder  
1 teaspoon vanilla extract  
1/2 teaspoon salt  
3 eggs  
Butter-Cream Frosting  
3/4 cup raspberry preserves  
2 tablespoons orange-flavoured essence  
red and green food colouring

Early in day:

1. Preheat oven to 350°F. Grease, then flour three 8-inch heart-shaped cake pans. In large bowl, with mixer at low speed, beat sugar and butter or margarine until just blended. Increase speed to high; beat until light and fluffy. Add cake flour, milk, baking powder, vanilla extract, salt, and eggs; at low speed, beat until blended. Increase speed to medium; beat 1 minute.

2. Spoon batter into pans. Bake 20 minutes or until toothpick inserted into centre of cake comes out clean. Cool cake layers in pans on wire racks 10 minutes. Remove from pans and cool completely on racks.

3. Prepare Butter-Cream Frosting: set aside. In small bowl, stir raspberry preserves with orange-flavour essence.

4. Place 1 cake layer on cake plate; spread with half of raspberry mixture. Top with remaining cake layer.

5. In medium bowl, mix about 2-3/4 cups butter cream with enough red food colouring to tint a pretty pink. In cup, mix about 1/3 cup butter cream with enough green food colouring to tint a leaf green. Leave remaining white butter cream in large bowl.

6. Spread top and side of cake with pink butter cream, reserving about 1/3 cup. Spoon white

butter cream into decorating bag with coupler and medium ruffle tube; use to pipe double ruffle border around top edge of cake. Using white butter cream in same decorating bag with rosette tube, pipe decorative border around bottom of cake. If cake and/or frosting become very soft, place in refrigerator until firm enough to work with.

7. Into reserved 1/3 cup pink butter cream, stir enough additional red food colouring to tint a deep pink. With decorating bag and small writing tube, pipe pink dots inside ruffle border on top of cake. With decorating bag and small writing tube and medium leaf tube, pipe green butter cream to resemble vines and leaves on top of cake. Makes 20 servings. About 475 calories per serving. Butter-cream frosting

In large bowl, with mixer at low speed, beat 4 cups confectioners' sugar, 1 cup butter or margarine (2 sticks), softened, and 1 cup shortening until mixed. Increase speed to high; beat until light and fluffy. At medium speed beat in 4 egg yolks and 2 teaspoons vanilla extract until well blended.

## Be My Valentine

AS: Do one thing, love me forever.

AT

My sweetheart Tina. I wish you all the best and happy Valentine ever loving Shyam

T. Jam. U-B-Me-4-B-2-4-Ever.

T. Jug

Our everfresh Rose due today to be a Valentine this year and for many more. From Arjuna

To Karla Raffaele. Maybe we made you angry and blue, but we always love you true. Happy Valentines Day, Hosnah, Taqouh and Dad.

My everlasting love. Sangra (Angel) "I will always treasure your love. I love you sweetheart. Only yours Radley (Soni)"

Coffee, tea or me? Whichever you choose it's going to keep you up all night! Hakeezah Darling.

To Patsy Joan, please, please, please forget about B and just one time come with me. You are enchanting.

Venessa, I love you. Michael.

My Jamoo. I will always be yours lots of love and dappis. Kooka.

James Mendez. Valentine, I love everything about you except that funny growth on your neck — your swollen fat head. Whiskey Bell.

To Carol Juvenilla. Sweetheart, Sweetdarling. Just one touch from your sweet lips your love, first love filled with deep devotion, young love, our love we share with deep emotions. From Arun Barva.

My Big Beef-cake and my little Tynetti. You are my two adorable Valentines! Be mine forever love. Big Mama.

Cesar: My everlasting love will remain sincere especially this occasion. Commemorating fest of all hearts. You will always be my Valentine. Grace Carriagend.

To: B.B.B. Say hi to your mother. From B.W.B.

Miss Dias Alban. I don't know you much, all I know is you're my friend. A special friend. Ray Blas. Y.A.A.S

You are my Sunshine Sheril. R. Rodriguez. Sweetheart. The things you say, the things you do, the things you are, are reasons why I love you. Santana F. Ferraio.

Manuel dear, Always near, Never cheating only loving. Undermanning, always smiling. Emmanuel my Valentine so true. Loves Theresa, and Theresa loves you.

Nancy you are the light in my life and my most cherished fine. Won't you be my Valentine. Richard.

Maggiay, Maggiay, born yesterday trying to kiss today I am your Valentine. Your Handsome Husband.

Craig (Mouchel), thank you for the 31st Dec. It was a night I will always remember. Ever grateful.

Happy Valentine (C. Velly). Always wanna be with you. I hope it last for ever. So please don't let me down. Truly One.

Dear Sakhi. Are U my friend or Valentine? Whatever U may B, for sure 4 R nice. Cute sweet n fine. Mira.

Chalkie, my Valentine, Happy Birthday and Happy New Year.

Struggleless, thank heaven for the 23rd October, I will be your Valentine for ever. Goody Woody Studly Winky.

Valentine message to Squirrel Vastus, how many have fallen for your jural charm. May I be the last? Anon.

Heart Line from Pittsburg to Jacky, Loving Valentine. Greetings you're in our thoughts and heart. Chris and Jean.

To my darling Jeanne. You are the love of my life. My dreams come true. Billions of kisses. Omar.

Just wanted to say "hello" Perlat at this time of hearts and flowers. And wish you a Valentines Day that's filled with Cherry, pleasant hours. Hilary Smith.

Valentine, I want the truth! Would you still like me if I weren't a sex symbol? Hilary Smith.

Being married to Anita the world's most beautiful woman, I bring her my love today Jamie.

I see you from the window out to feed your bow-wow, if you were only mine now. Sweetest Caroline.

Crazy, you've got me hot and bothered. She-mu

Audrey loves you always remember "forever together" Deedy.

My dearest wife Juliana, I may not say it everyday but it's always in my mind. Happy Valentines Day. Hubby Mario.

Kakou, separation is hard, but when there is life, there is hope. Your dear friend who cares.

Darling Bertha, I have been loving and would love you eternally my sweet Valentine. Francis.

Dearest Clara, Love is measured not in moments of time but in timeless moments. Happy Valentine. I.L.Y David Fernandes.

Darling husband Michael, it's the little thing that made Valentine for you. Specially loving one happy Valentines Day. Loving wife Monica.

Elizabeth (Naff) you really are a lovely. An Ardena Admirer.

Dynaps. My love you will always be, my love you will always have! Big Gruff Bear!

Arab Times darling! remind me love reduce price, greed for money, damn finance, business currency pages. Less make love. M. Gonsalves.

To M from M. In these troubled times remember time is a wonderful healer and that I will always love you. M & M. Holdings.

Snoopy, no matter how far I go to forget, pictures of you still follow my Valentine. I love you till eternity. The Falcon.

Dearest Cheryl D'Mello, Lots of love and best wishes. Rudy Valentino.

Maiouah may our life together be forever filled with happiness, joy and love. Your destiny — Alois.

Derek, just because you're an American, Karyn.

Jaun Siya. Thank you for sharing your life and love with me. I love you Saif.

Tanya Van Ommeren. A very very close and true friend. Maed Al Adwani.

My darling Sonu. You mean a lot to me and you are the best only yours Angel.

Brian — formerly Big Chief of the Infiniti Tribe — now honorary chairman of the Men Of Straw Society. Guess who?

Ghassan A.M. There is no better time to say how much you mean to me — in your own special way. Irene.

Try to understand, when you are with me there's no one else in the world. It's just when you're away I have problems — your Little Nympho. \* \* \*

Tawfiq, let's try again, love Zaki.

To Reem. I will love you until the last star falls from the sky. Alan.

To Julie D'sa. A little is contributed to Arab Times to express my love a million times for you my special Valentine from Joe.

The girl from Glebe Road from the Boy from the Dene, you are my gorgeous Valentine.

Chiyee Georje, Masnadani: When special people touch our lives the world seems lovelier — thanks for touching my life. Happy Valentines. ME

Robert Maris, you are thought about today and wished a bright and happy Valentines Day warmest wishes. Someone Special.

Tasneem, my true love Tasneem to my heart you're near my love always be yours. Shabbir Husain

Olga Fernandes, it's not enough to express the words. I love you. Claude Fernandes.

Claude Fernandes, I have so much to celebrate because I have you to love. Olga Fernandes.

L.P.D To my life long Valentine, love always. G.T.D.

Linda, happy Valentines Day, and hoping you continue to enjoy the fruits of an end well blown. Love Dick.

O.J.'s are sour, elephants are fat, she sucks well, but we all know that. Love W.C.A. G.A.

Darling Esther, always thinking of the good times we had in the Reliant Turbo. Remember how we used to get it up, on two wheels. David Isopon.

My lovely wife Susan. Being with you is where I want to be today. Kooko.

Aries, to someone very special who has her heart in San Francisco. I wish you a happy Valentine Day. Virgo.

Dar, Always used to hear about happiness, but only saw it from 24/4/87. Since you came into my life. Precious gift. Ramo.

Sherin, the best moments in my life are the ones with you. Today this Valentine brings loving wishes from Habib.

My Jam. Bee, without whom I am nothing, I love you very much. Tariq Nazir Janjua.

My best friend Evelyn Coval, happy Valentines Day. Enjoy yourself with me. I love you. Maha M.

Topsy Turvey, you turned my world upside down five years ago. I still care. Do you? R.K. Abbas J.P.

My dearest sweetheart Ruby, you're deep into my heart, I love very much my Valentine. Yours and only yours.

Lazmi, standing on the ridge of well of woes. I pray infinite happiness for you, of my worship goddess. Delwar.

Deme, The most beautiful Valentines of all. Keith.

Meelaw, there is no other love like your love, and as long as I live, I'll give you all the joy my heart and soul can give. Hamoodi Ran.

Linda (Belinda), Roses are red violets are blue I'm so much in love with you. Bri.

Darling Bita, I won't build a monument nor climb Everest for you, but I'll give a life time of loving just to be with you. Waziy.

Dearest Gem, Cheest gin and lime with crushed ice and a touch of Valentines love. R.James.

Parrot Lulu from Parrot Bafulu. Valentines Day is strictly for the birds. I love you, repeat I love you. \* \* \*

Stuart, Roses are red, Violets are blue, I'll make it 150, especially for you. Alia

Regina Rasquinha, Regina my Valentine, Emotional and divine. Great is her provocation. It inspires my sentence. Not now darling, After a while! Ashok D'Souza

Cynthia, I will put string around your finger so you will not forget I care. Happy Valentines Day. Sylvester.

Sreen, with a month to go before your birthday I wish you happy Valentines and later on Happy Birthday. Rashad.

Noam, 1. So near and yet so far, 2. What's wrong?, 3. Hibbini, Hibbini Hibbini, 4. Say yes and all will be right, 5. Be my V. H.N.

Hashoun, 1. Meen areeb!, 2. Wala shee, 3. Lan Lan Lan, 4. Laa, ghalat Ghassan, 5. By my shoe ??? Tyti Halha. N.H.

My adorable Nelly, your everloving Pilly

Dear Panda Gold Coin lovers 1987 Panda Gold Coin. Thanks for your patience being delate. Happy Valentine. Oriental Pearl.

Roses are red, Violets are not. If you won't be mine I'll stamp on your feet. \* \* \*

Just wishing happy Valentines Day. May every happiness be yours today and everyday. Amor C.

This very special Valentine has a meaning of its own cos love is dreaming of good times, special moments and impossible dreams. Dreaming of each other. Happy Valentines Day. Eyal.

Because you're dear on Valentines Day, mailing Valentine wishes doesn't seem so hard to do. until it comes to making one for someone as dear as you. And then it's hard to make a wish that's nice enough to say, how much true joy and happiness you're wished on Valentines Day. Myrna.



# BUSINESS & FINANCE

## British Airways announces more flights from Gulf

MORE flights to and from the Gulf region with services developed specifically for the Middle East traveller, were the promises made by Lord King of Warton, the British Airways Chairman, in Bahrain last week.

Lord King was speaking to reporters following the meeting of the BA main board held for the first time in the Middle East.

BA flights from Saudi Arabian airports in Riyadh, Jeddah and Dhahran would start in March, he said, taking over the services of British Caledonian.

Increased capacity from Dubai and Muscat will come around the same time.

By the summer, BA expects to have some 37 frequencies in each direction every week from the Gulf. New services are starting including direct flights from the Gulf to Madras from October 1988.

### Downturn

Despite the downturn of business in the Middle East, Lord King said that BA continued to enjoy a high level of success in the region.

The airline's commitment to the Gulf is reflected by the decision to hold the main board meeting in Bahrain, said Lord King. He did not envisage any cut-back in services due to the acquisition of the 747-400 series aircraft.

"For long hauls these planes can bypass a stop in the Gulf," he said. "For this reason other international airlines have been tempted to outback their services to Gulf destinations."

### Services

"On the contrary, BA plans to upgrade our services to the region, taking advantage of the new generation aircraft to have more flights starting or finishing in the Gulf."

"We are very conscious of the importance of this market. This will mean we can develop our services more specifically geared to the demands and expectations of the traveller from the Middle East."

"Already we have Arabic speaking cabin crew, and halal food on our Gulf routes," added Lord King.

### Experience

BA anticipates a successful return for the airline to Saudi Arabia. "We have considerable experience of that market and we will be able to offer a large number of feeder gateways in the USA," said the Chairman.

Last year had been a year of challenge for the airline with its privatisation and British Caledonian merger. But new marketing initiatives including a tie-up with United Airlines and launch of the Club World business class has BA looking to the future with confidence.

## Coffee prices hit 13-week high

LONDON, Feb 13, (Reuters): News that the world's leading coffee producers shipped below their export quotas in the last three months of 1987 helped push coffee prices to 13-week highs in London yesterday.

The International Coffee Organisation, which tries to bolster prices by imposing export quotas, said producers under-shipped their global export quota by 26 per cent from October to December.

This was mostly due to lagging demand, but the news sparked worries about tightening supplies of high quality coffees.

Dealers said the reports aggravated concerns among coffee roasters about already-tight supplies of coffees from Central America. "Producers would still sell their quota to the coffee trade if they had the coffee (and demand was sluggish), so I think this is an important signal that we have less mild coffees than we thought," a roaster said.

### Undershipped

The ICO, which groups the world's top 50 coffee exporting countries and leading 24 importing countries, said its exporting members under-shipped by 3.4 million bags of their 13 million bag coffee export quota.

Brazil, the world's largest coffee producer, was the biggest under-shipped. Nearly every major coffee producer except Guatemala shipped below its quota, ICO said.

News of the under-shippments pushed coffee for May delivery up by \$42 (\$73.50) per tonne to 13-week highs of \$1,300 (\$2,275).

Demand by roasters for coffee was sluggish late last year after producers shipped a record 10.3 million bags during September to beat the expected reintroduction of export quotas in October, analysts said.

## UK stresses the need to remove trade barriers

# Summit accord brightens outlook for EEC

BRUSSELS, Belgium, Feb 13, (AP): A hard-won settlement of its cash crisis has put the European Economic Community on course toward a brighter financial future and a bigger role in the international economy.

The deal also has allowed the group to step back from political stalemate at a time when improved relations between the superpowers have stirred new efforts by Western Europe to reassert itself on the world stage.

Even so, few of the European leaders who worked out the four-point agreement at a summit today were willing to predict how long the new momentum would last.

### Accord

"Don't get too cheerful," said British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher, who has been at the centre of a series of fierce negotiating battles to limit EEC spending since she took office in 1979.

She and leaders of the 11 other EEC, or Common Market, countries said the Brussels

accord, while important for its new approach to controlling farm spending, did not necessarily mean the common market had seen its final budget crisis.

Over the past decade, bickering over money has been the main cause of stagnation in the EEC. It has retarded the organisation's development and hampered its efforts to keep up with a fast-changing world economy.

The financial pressure will ease now, assuming the Brussels agreement is, as expected, ratified by the 12 national parliaments and implemented as drafted.

The deal contains four main points:

Subsidies to grain producers will, for the first time, be legally limited. If effective, the system of production ceilings and punitive price cuts for farmers will ease one of the EEC's biggest farm problems.

### Increase

The total budget of the EEC will grow substantially by revamping the way in which the mem-

ber countries chip in from national treasuries. The new system will gradually make the governments' contributions correspond more closely to their national wealth.

Aid to the group's poorest members will increase by 80 per cent over five years. This serves two main purposes: to put all the members on a more even economic footing and to help the poorer ones cope with stiffer foreign competition once the Common Market has completed its drive to remove all internal barriers to trade by 1992.

### Debate

Annual increases in overall farm spending will, for the first time, be strictly limited. Under a new formula, each 10 per cent increase in the EEC's total economic output would allow a 7.4 per cent rise in the budget.

Mrs Thatcher said her approval was conditioned on EEC foreign ministers approving additional controls on farm subsidies. That is expected to

happen soon.

The summit accord was reached in the early hours today after two full days of debate. Two previous EEC summits, last June and December, had failed to bridge gaps between an austerity-minded faction led by Britain and a West German-led group that wanted looser spending controls.

The previous failures had left the Common Market without a formal budget for this year. It was due to run out of money by late summer.

While the immediate crisis now appears to have passed, future harmony is not assured.

A fundamental split remains in the member countries' views about how far the Common Market should go in transforming itself from a trading bloc dealing mainly with economic issues to a true political union.

Britain stresses the need to remove trade barriers between EEC countries in order to give European business a wider "home" market from which to

compete on a global scale with the United States and Japan. The Brussels accord is likely to make this goal more attainable.

### Dreams

France and other members want to keep alive the dreams of the EEC's founding fathers: to create a single political entity, a kind of United States of Europe in which the 12 member countries would share, for example, common foreign and defence as well as economic policies.

Reflecting this hope, Jacques Delors, the EEC's chief executive and a former French Finance Minister, told reporters that the significance of the Brussels accord went beyond the issues of budgets and agriculture.

"We now have the political tool for the relaunching of the European Union," he said.

Still, the EEC's track record would suggest that new progress toward political integration will come only gradually, and only after new, unforeseen financial crises emerge and threaten serious setbacks.

## International money markets review

# Trade figures help stocks and dollar

MARKETS remained quiet for most of the week in anticipation of the US trade numbers with FX traders squaring their dollar positions in advance of numbers. The outcome of the \$12.2 billion deficit for December was better than the market's expected average, showing a further improvement on November's figure of \$13.2 billion.

This saw the dollar rise in frenetic trading to close Friday at Y131. DM1.71 and £1.74.

The retail sales numbers added confusion to the markets on the outlook for growth, with the rise countering recent concerns that the economy is slowing.

Retail sales rose 0.5 per cent in January to a seasonally adjusted \$128.08 billion. This was the third consecutive monthly increase following revised gains of 1.2 per cent in December and 0.3 per cent in November and was a considerable improvement on the market forecast of -0.2 per cent.

Merchandise trade fell to \$12.20 billion in December from \$13.22 billion in November. Therefore, the total trade deficit for 1987 increased to a record \$171.22 billion from the \$156.16

billion shortfall in 1986.

Exports rose 4.2 per cent to a record \$24.80 billion, whilst imports hardly changed at \$37.00 billion.

Producer Price Index for finished goods rose a seasonally adjusted 0.4 per cent in January after falling 0.4 per cent in December. This was the largest increase since January when the index rose 0.6 per cent and was consistent with the market forecast.

### Underpinned

Bond markets and equities reacted favourably to the trade data, in anticipation of softening in money market rates allowable now that the dollar is somewhat underpinned.

Data releases for the forthcoming week are housing starts and capacity utilisation which will provide an indication of the underlying growth trend in the economy.

On balance we would expect the numbers to come in weaker than the trend implying a possible relaxation in policy.

If the numbers are softer this is likely to provide a boost to the bond market but could well unsettle equities.

Following the trade numbers this has given an added spurt to the dollar and should help to keep the US unit firm and at the upper end of its trading bands.

With no dollar related data releases this week the US currency is likely to continue stable at Y128.134 and DM1.67-1.75.

Mounting fears that the UK economy is overheating and concern over increasing industrial unrest, gave rise to expectations of a hike in interest rates which led the bond and equity markets downwards.

The data releases this week indicated strong retail sales and another big rise in consumer credit potentially adding to inflationary pressures.

### Prices

Output prices rose provisionally by 0.7 per cent in January higher than the December rise of 0.3 per cent giving a year-on-year gain of 3.8 per cent. This was slightly lower than the figure the market had anticipated.

Input prices as expected went up an unadjusted 90.8 per cent in January. This figure follows a 2.7 per cent rise in December and

gives a year-on-year provisional increase of 3.5 per cent.

The Chancellor of the Exchequer will be closely monitoring the figures in the run up to the budget (March 15), which will determine the scope for tax cuts.

On balance, given increased wage settlements and a buoyant economy, numbers are likely to come in on the high side of current trends. This will add to market uncertainty both in gilts and equities.

### Decline

West German factory orders fell a seasonally adjusted 2.8 per cent in December from the November level. This is the fourth consecutive monthly decline and continues to provide evidence of a sluggish German economy. Forecasts suggest an at best figure for GNP this year of not more than 1.5 per cent.

Inflation remains firmly under control as the cost of living index rose just 0.2 per cent in January to a revised 0.7 per cent year-on-year rise.

Provided by the Economic and Planning Division of the National Bank of Kuwait.

## America faces long haul to restore trade balance

WASHINGTON, Feb 13, (Reuters): The huge US trade deficit, the root cause of last year's financial market turbulence, narrowed for the second straight month in December, but even the Reagan administration admits the gap will be painfully slow to close.

Imports exceeded exports by \$12.20 billion in December, down from \$13.22 billion in November and a record \$17.63 billion in October, the government said yesterday.

But the quarterly total of \$43.05 billion was only a bit less than the \$46.23-billion deficit between July and September. At an annual rate, that is more than \$172 billion, compared with the actual record deficit of the whole of 1987 of \$171.2 billion.

### Growth

Commerce Secretary William Verity said the growth in exports, which hit a record in December, pointed to continued economic vitality and more jobs for Americans.

But he acknowledged the

deficit was nothing to boast about. "Such a level is unacceptable. We have a long way to go until we can be comfortable," he said.

Trade representative Clayton Yeutter was also far from ebullient. "We hope that this is a sign that there are better days ahead on the trade front," he said.

The December trade figures should help the Republican presidential candidates, especially Vice President George Bush, to rebut the call by Democratic contender Richard Gephardt for retaliation against countries which persistently run large trade surpluses with the United States.

But economists said the figures were not as impressive as they appeared on the surface. Moreover, the administration has few options, none of them pleasant, to accelerate the reduction in the deficit.

Little can be done in the short term to boost exports, because firms are no longer at a com-

petitive disadvantage in world markets now the dollar has fallen sharply.

Exports are growing rapidly. They rose 4.2 per cent in December to a record \$24.8 billion, and many firms are already working flat out with no production capacity to spare.

The main cause of the deficit is America's addiction to imports, especially expensive durable goods such as cars and hi-fi equipment, economists say.

### Slowdown

In December, for all the talk of a slowdown in consumer spending after the stockmarket crash, imports of manufactured goods actually increased. It was only thanks to a 400-million drop in America's oil bill that total imports were unchanged.

Economists say that the only way to reduce imports is to deflate Americans' spending power, either by cutting the government's budget deficit or raising interest rates to choke off the credit that fuels car and home purchases.

## Hong Kong banks raise prime lending rate

HONG KONG, Feb 13, (AP): Hong Kong's leading banks today announced a 0.75 percentage point increase in their prime lending rate, boosting the rate charged customers to 6 per cent.

Interest paid on savings accounts was raised 0.25 percentage point, while that paid on deposits of two months or less was increased 1 percentage point. Rates on deposits of three months to one year were raised 0.75 percentage point.

The Hong Kong and Shanghai Bank and Standard Chartered Bank, the colony's two note-issuing banks, announced the change in the prime lending rate.

### Changes

The Hong Kong association of banks, which represents all other commercial banks in the British colony, disclosed the changes in deposit rates.

All of the new rates take effect on Monday.

Hong Kong banks last changed the prime lending rate on Jan 11, when it was lowered to 5.25 per cent from 5.5 per cent.

## Stocks respond sluggishly to falling interest rates

NEW YORK, Feb 13, (AP): The stock market has reacted with uncharacteristic confusion to a drop in interest rates during the past several months.

A long decline in interest rates from their lofty levels at the start of the 1980s was widely cited as one of the primary forces behind the great bull market in stocks. When rates surged upward last spring, the stock market ran into trouble.

Since the crash in October, interest rates have come down again, with yields on long-term treasury bonds falling from above 10 per cent to 8.4 per cent as of yesterday. But stock traders have shown little enthusiasm.

### Worries

Of course, they have other worries on their minds. Black Monday on Oct 19 cast a long shadow.

Beyond that, however, analysts say the latest drop in rates doesn't fit into the kind of

textbook pattern that would lift investors' spirits.

Sustained declines in interest rates often occur in recessions, prompted by weak demand for credit. As rates fall, they help set the stage for a rebound in business activity.

This time, however, they have moved lower against a backdrop of an economic expansion that is more than five years old. And many observers see them as an early symptom of a business slump.

### Evidence

There has been very little corroborating evidence for the view in the statistical measures of the economy so far.

US exports set a record for the second straight month in December, attesting to a revival in manufacturing. If the latest information on retail sales is to be believed, consumers haven't run out of spending money.

"Over the last several weeks,

there has indeed been an accumulation of positive fundamentals," said John Connolly, an analyst at Dean Witter Reynolds Inc. "They have moved the bond market rather than the stock market, but that still counts."

### Rally

"It is quite normal for the bond market to react first and, in a sense, clear out a path for the stock market."

Stocks did rally in the past week, pushing the Dow Jones average of 30 Industrials up 72.78 points to 1,983.26.

The New York Stock Exchange composite index rose 3.51 to 144.86; the American Stock Exchange market value index 6.89 to 277.00, and the Nasdaq composite index for the over-the-counter market 7.52 to 353.27.

Big Board volume averaged 179.43 million shares a day,

against 192.13 million the week before.

Recession worries have been heightened by a run of three consecutive monthly declines in the government's index of leading economic indicators.

But Maury Harris, economist at PaineWebber Inc., argues that the declines only portend "a business slowdown instead of an outright recession."

### Declines

In the past, Harris says, three-month declines in the leading indicators foreshadowed recessions in cases where the Federal Reserve has been constrained from easing credit by other problems — most notably inflation.

This time, he maintains, with inflation still subdued, the trade deficit improving and the dollar having apparently stabilised, "the Fed will respond to signs of weakness with an easier monetary policy."

## World Business Summary

# India's exports up, trade deficit down

NEW DELHI, February 13, (Xinhua): India's exports in the first nine months (April-December) of the current financial year recorded a growth of 24.7 per cent to 111.97 billion rupees (\$8.61 billion) when compared with the same period of 1986-87. The import bill, on the other hand, rose by 13.5 per cent to 161.11 billion rupees (\$12.39 billion) in April-December 1987, compared with the corresponding period in 1986. These figures were released by Finance Minister N D Tiwari at a parliamentary consultative committee meeting here yesterday. The trade deficit, thus, declined by 2.97 billion rupees (\$288 million), according to Tiwari. In view of the good performance, Tiwari said the country's export target of 138 billion rupees (\$10.62 billion) fixed for 1987-88 ending March 31 is likely to be exceeded by about 10 billion rupees (\$769 million). At the same time, Tiwari told MPs that there is no complacency on the export front and that efforts are being made to maximise foreign exchange earnings through higher exports. Moreover, appropriate strategies are being evolved to meet stiff international competition in specific markets, he said. He is of the view that the expertise and infrastructure available with the Indian trading communities abroad should be more effectively used to push exports both in the traditional and non-traditional areas. Tiwari announced that the Indian government has taken steps to monitor the export plans of some of the large engineering exporters. For this purpose, a computerised monitoring system is being planned and many companies have already been identified for participation in this programme.

He said that a series of measures have already been taken to promote engineering exports. These include the liberalisation of industrial licensing, delicensing of certain industries, streamlining of licensing procedures, expansion of capacities for exports and liberalisation of import of technology.

## French firms to promote Indian exports to Europe

NEW DELHI, Feb 13, (Kuna): Major French companies today pledged to promote Indian exports to Europe and North African nations.

A high level French trade mission, led by Auchan and Carrefour chains of Hyper market company representative promised the Indian government that steps would be taken to balance existing trade deficits. They assured India that it would help her in exporting more goods and products to North African nations, especially to Algeria, Tunisia and Mauritania. India has had a negative balance of trade with France during the last five years and the magnitude of negative trade balance has increased from \$250 million in 1982-83 to \$360 million in 1986-87.

Indian imports from France in 1986-87 were of the order of \$650 million while exports during the period stood at \$260 million.

During the course of discussion, the French delegation assured its counterparts that every effort would be made to balance the two-way trade. The delegation is here to identify products which could be exported to France as well as some of the French-speaking African nations. Besides import of traditional items, from India the buyer mission will make an endeavour to import other items as well. The goods likely to be imported are computer software marine products, machine tools, electronic items, textiles, agricultural machinery, automobile accessories, railway equipment garments and light engineering goods. France is one of the important markets identified by the Indian Trade Development Authority for Exports.

## Canada's trade surplus shrinks

OTTAWA, Feb 13, (AP): Canada's merchandise trade surplus shrank to 208 million Canadian dollars (\$164 million) in December, the lowest monthly surplus since September 1981. Statistics Canada said today. The December surplus, down from a revised 402 million Canadian dollars in November, left the full year's surplus at the lowest level in seven years. The 1987 surplus totalled 10.3 billion Canadian dollars (\$8.1 billion) down marginally from 10.4 billion Canadian dollars in 1986, the agency said. The surplus with the United States, Canada's most important trading partner, declined to 17 billion Canadian dollars from 18.4 billion Canadian dollars in 1986. Paul Kovacs, senior economist at the Burns Fry Investment House in Toronto, said he had expected 1987 would have ended with a much stronger trade surplus. "We clearly had a deteriorating trend at the end of the year, which is disturbing," said Kovacs. Exports grew by 4.1 per cent in 1987 from the previous year, rising to 125.8 billion Canadian dollars largely on strong foreign sales of forest products. However, imports increased at the slightly quicker pace of 4.7 per cent during year to reach 115.4 billion Canadian dollars by year end.

## ESSAR GUJARAT LIMITED

Essar Gujarat Limited is a company belonging to the Essar Group. The other major company in the Group is Essar Shipping Limited, which has maintained an impressive growth, profit and dividend record.

Essar Gujarat is a diversified high-technology engineering company with four independent divisions viz. ENERGY-oil drilling operations, CONSTRUCTION — marine construction specialist, OFFSHORE — offshore engineering such as submarine pipelaying and STEEL — setting up the world's largest and India's first gas based hot briquetted sponge iron project.

The existing three divisions, namely Energy, Construction and Offshore are involved in critical high growth areas and each division has a large potential of its own as is evidenced from the growth needs of the economy.

### PAST PERFORMANCE OF EGL

EGL is an existing profit making, dividend paying company. The company's financial performance is truly impressive. The average profits after tax, over the last five years, has been approx. Rs.4 crores on a share capital of Rs.1 crore.

The Gross Assets of the company increased from Rs.12 crores in 1983-84 to Rs.70 crores in 1987 — a 483% increase in just two years — and are expected to further rise to approx. Rs.400 crores in the next base will be very low — only Rs. 25 crores and Reserves will be approx. Rs.100 crores. The balance will be financed by long-term borrowings. This kind of financial structuring will enable the company to reward its shareholders attractively.

The free reserves and surplus of the company as on 30th November, 1987 amounted to approx. Rs.21 crores. Out of which, approx. Rs.17 crores are free reserves made out of the profits generated by the company over the previous years. These reserves, as indicated earlier, are estimated to rise to approx. Rs.100 crores in the next two to three years.

Essar Gujarat has been practicing the philosophy of Net Worth driven growth. The average book value per share over the past five years has been approx. Rs. 145 — and is expected to be over Rs.50 — on the enlarged equity base. In view of the consistent profits of the current three divisions alone, the company expects to maintain the book value of its share at this high level.

### BROAD BASED ACTIVITIES

With the activities of the four divisions of Essar Gujarat spread over different areas of business, the company is adequately insured against any adverse business condition in any specific line of activity.

### EQUITY ISSUE

Essar Gujarat is now entering the market for the first time in order to broad-base its capital structure. The company is issuing 45 lakh Equity Shares of Rs.10/- each at a premium of only Rs.30/- per share, aggregating Rs.18 crores. Out of these, reservations for UTI, NRIs, employees and share holders of crores is being offered to the Indian public. The other Group Companies, Essar Shipping Ltd. (1.23 Essar Investments Ltd., are also investing Rs.17 crores in Equity Capital of Essar Gujarat Ltd., at the same premium of Rs.30/- per share.

The issue will open for subscription both for NRIs and the Indian public on 18th February, 1988.

The issue offers the investors an opportunity to participate in the existing and growing Net Worth of the company with available free reserves of approx. Rs.17 crores. For the year 1987-88, the annualised assured pro-rata dividend of 30% on the enlarged capital for 1987-88.



## Investors seek safe haven

## World stock markets still edgy

By Mides

IN troubled times everybody is looking for a safe haven for their savings. With the world's stock markets still extremely edgy and volatile it is only natural that investors will look elsewhere.

Banks and building societies are safe enough, but they are also predictable and boring, so those looking for a little excitement begin to wonder about alternative investments.

What exactly is meant by this term? Well, it can cover a wide range of things: gold and other precious metals, diamonds, works of art, property and collectibles like antiques or stamps.

How do these compare with more mundane investments, particularly when there's a hint of financial panic in the air?

**Value**  
Let's begin with collectibles first, since they seem to be the riskiest of all. It is undoubtedly true that things like rare stamps do undergo spectacular rises in value, but nevertheless I feel that such things are far too risky for the average investor.

There are two main problems, one is to do with the fact that the sort of people who spend vast amounts on uncommon stamps or rare antiques are likely to be

experts in the field.

For you to compete with them in the market, you should at least be as knowledgeable as they are or else you're likely to make some appalling mistakes. Of course, the major stamp auctioneers like Spinks & Sons will help you to choose a portfolio of rare stamps, but then you are leaving an awful lot to trust, and if the auctioneers make a genuine mistake in anticipating the market, you have no recourse at all.

**Problem**

The second problem with collectibles concerns the simple fact that for something to have a value there must be a market. If there's a big financial crash, who is going to have the money to spend a fortune on postage stamps? Isn't it much more likely that the crash will lead to many other people trying to sell off their stamps for whatever they can get just to rescue something from the disaster? In other words, just when you need the money, the stamps will drop in value.

The same applies to works of art. You probably read about Van Gogh's painting 'Irises' which was sold at Sotheby's last November for just around 50 million dollars.

Is it really worth so much? An impossible question since ultimately anything is worth only what someone else will pay for it. The sale occurred in the aftermath of the October crash and I suspect that more than a little panic was involved. Whether the painting would fetch the same price today, or what it will fetch in ten or twenty years time is a mystery.

Speaking personally, I think it's a nice picture, but I'm not sure I'd want fifty million dollars on my wall. It's an awful lot of eggs in one canvas.

**Function**

Diamonds and precious stones fulfill a rather different function: since their value depends not just on their rarity, but also on their portability.

A nice bag full of one carat flawless white stones is about the nearest and smallest volume of valuable property that you can find.

It is the perfect commodity for the day the banks go bust and the whole world goes mad. I have a friend whose career has taken him from Laos to Vietnam to Ethiopia to Iran. He was just unlucky, wherever he went, the country just plain went to hell a year or so after he got there.

After the first couple of times he got fed up with not being able

to get his money out of the local bank before he had to jump on the plane or helicopter, so he bought diamonds.

His wife was delighted, and by the time they got to Kuwait they were a pretty sparkling pair, their life's savings glittering all over their fingers.

"If anything happens we can always buy a ticket, pay a bribe, whatever, our whole stash is very portable," he used to say.

Over the years the price of diamonds has fluctuated a bit, it went through a major fall some five or six years ago when prices had risen too far too fast. So even though diamonds are forever, they are not forever the same price.

**Burden**  
Gold is bulkier, if you put everything into gold you might soon find it became a rather heavy burden.

In the latest crash gold has performed rather erratically. At first, gold shares fell as fast as any other shares. Then they recovered somewhat, as gold slowly rose by about ten per cent.

Then gold started to slip again and gold shares fell as well. Currently, it is just a bit cheaper than it was before the crash happened. So gold has merely kept its approximate value, but in

troubled times, even stability is to be respected.

Property is a difficult area to evaluate. There is something to be said for the argument that land is the ultimate security, but on the other hand, property is bound to fall in value if there's a major crash.

**Property**  
Why? Because people will be selling property in order to pay their debts and obligations. If everyone is selling, then the price will fall. If you own a property as a home, then its value is not really to be measured purely in financial terms. However, now is probably not the time to buy property for investment purposes.

To sum up, alternative investments involve different degrees of risk.

Gold and other precious metals or stones are probably the least risky, but should be seen as only a part of one's portfolio, no more than fifteen per cent at most. Antiques and stamps seem the riskiest of all, unless you can afford to buy them for the sheer pleasure of owning them.

Somewhere, someone is sitting back with a happy smile, staring at fifty million dollars worth of 'Irises'. One only hopes he's enjoying it to the full.



HH the Crown Prince and Prime Minister, Sheikh Saad Al Abdullah, yesterday received Commerce and Industry Minister Faisal Al Khaled (right) and heads of delegations attending the Arab Stock Market meeting.

## Alshall stock price indices

## Kuwait trading volume surges

ALSHALL Index for Kuwaiti Shareholding companies recorded on Wednesday an average of 39.27 points with a slight decrease of 0.51 points from last week. Alshall Index for Gulf shareholding companies reached 48.52 points with a slight decrease of 0.36 points for the same period.

The trading volume for Kuwaiti shares reached 26.11 million shares at a daily average of 5.22 million shares with an increase of 21.1 per cent over the previous week daily average of 4.31 million shares.

Gulf traded shares reached 18.20 million shares at a daily average of 3.64 million shares with a decrease of 29.3 per cent from last week daily average of 5.15 million shares. The value of Kuwaiti traded shares was KD 7.80 million while it was KD 1.00 million for the Gulf and shares.

The performance of the market has been weak for some time. Its overall performance, considering prices, trading volume and value, has been in favour of Kuwaiti shares.

The competition from government bills and bonds, the absence of support or other general measures such as shares splitting, have adversely affected a market that has been to a great extent dependent on these measures.

We believe that the present developments should be considered as a good indicator for the need for a quick action towards a fundamental adjustment in the companies' position.

At present we should set aside our worries about trading levels from the companies actual performance.

For Kuwaiti shares the banking sector had the lead of 47 per cent of total trading, with the Gulf Bank having 48 per cent of the sector total, Kuwait Finance House 19 per cent and the Commercial Bank 14 per cent.

The services sector came second at 27 per cent of total trading with Kuwait commercial markets having 60 per cent of the sector total, Mobile Telephone Systems 21 per cent and Kuwait Computer Company 18 per cent.

The investment sector was third at 14 per cent of total trading with Investment Pearl Kuwait having 54 per cent and commercial facilities 22 per cent, IFA 21 per cent.

For Gulf shares the financial sector had the lead at 81 per cent with Bahrain International Bank having 32 per cent of the sector total, Gulf Investment Company 27 per cent and Coast Investment and Development 24 per cent.

**Kuwait shareholding companies index**

	Wednesday 10/02/88	Wednesday 03/02/88	Change points
<b>Banking Sector</b>			
Kuwait National Bank	93.15	94.08	-0.92
The Gulf Bank	31.87	31.45	0.42
The Commercial Bank	22.21	23.08	-0.87
Al Ahli Bank	32.68	34.12	-1.44
Bank of Kuwait & M. East	26.75	23.68	3.07
Kuwait R. Estate Bank	33.33	35.32	-1.98
Burgan Bank	26.26	27.25	-0.99
Kuwait Finance House	65.55	66.22	-0.67
<b>Sector Index</b>	<b>42.09</b>	<b>42.44</b>	<b>-0.35</b>
<b>Investment Sector</b>			
Kuwait Investment Co.	34.85	34.85	-
Kuwait Int. Invest. Co.	28.87	29.21	-0.34
Inv. Pearl Kuwait	84.13	84.13	-
IFA	83.82	83.82	-
Commercial Facilities	97.73	96.59	-1.14

**Sector Index**

	42.57	42.60	-0.03
<b>Insurance Sector</b>			
Kuwait Insurance Co.	39.68	40.23	-0.54
Gulf Insurance Co.	28.46	28.46	-
Al Ahleia Insurance Co.	44.73	45.53	-0.80
Warba Insurance Co.	84.19	84.19	-
<b>Sector Index</b>	<b>39.97</b>	<b>40.39</b>	<b>-0.41</b>
<b>Real Estate Sector</b>			
Kuwait Real Estate	31.86	35.05	-0.19
United Realty	12.73	13.63	-0.89
National Real Estate	46.58	46.98	-0.40
<b>Sector Index</b>	<b>23.28</b>	<b>24.76</b>	<b>-1.48</b>
<b>Industrial Sector</b>			
Kuwait Cement Co.	16.22	16.22	-
Refrigeration Indust.	81.56	82.60	-1.05
Gulf Cables	105.93	105.93	-
Kuwait Pharmaceutical	72.89	75.56	-2.67
<b>Sector Index</b>	<b>33.14</b>	<b>33.33</b>	<b>-0.19</b>
<b>Services Sector</b>			
Kuwait Computer Co.	203.04	200.88	2.16
Kuwait Cinema Co.	10.37	10.37	-
Public Warehousing Co.	83.84	84.85	-1.01
Kuwait Comm. Markets Cent.	39.95	39.95	-
Mobile Telephone Syst.	366.67	366.67	-
<b>Sector Index</b>	<b>68.52</b>	<b>68.69</b>	<b>-0.17</b>
<b>Food Sector</b>			
Livestock Trad. & Transp.	50.85	50.85	-
United Fisheries	9.77	9.77	-
Kuwait United Poultry	88.01	90.21	-2.20
Kuwait Food Co.	66.67	68.97	-2.30
<b>Sector Index</b>	<b>43.46</b>	<b>44.09</b>	<b>-0.64</b>
<b>Overall Index</b>	<b>39.27</b>	<b>39.78</b>	<b>-0.51</b>

**Gulf shareholding companies index**

	Wednesday 10/02/88	Wednesday 03/02/88	Change points
<b>Financial Companies</b>			
First Gulf Bank	228.95	228.95	-
United Gulf Bank	34.48	34.48	-
Bahrain Internat. Bank	102.07	100.69	-1.38
Bahrain M. East Bank	93.02	96.81	-3.80
Pearl Investment Co.	56.81	56.81	-
Gulf Investments Co.	60.29	61.03	-0.74
Coast Inv. & Dev. Co.	78.79	79.65	-0.87
Bahrain Kuwait Inv. Gro.	71.90	72.67	-0.77
Arabian Gro. Inv. (Shuaa)	60.61	61.36	-0.76
<b>Sector Index</b>	<b>65.01</b>	<b>65.46</b>	<b>-0.44</b>
<b>Other Companies</b>			
Gulf Cement (fully paid)	11.97	11.97	-
Shargah Cement	7.00	7.50	-0.50
Fujairah Cement	8.55	9.87	-1.32
Ajman Cement	10.00	10.00	-
Ras Al-Khaima W. Cement	18.89	18.33	0.56
Gulf Medical Projects	17.11	17.11	-
Poultry & Fodder R. Alkha	36.36	36.36	-
<b>Sector Index</b>	<b>12.44</b>	<b>12.63</b>	<b>-0.19</b>
<b>Overall Index</b>	<b>48.52</b>	<b>48.88</b>	<b>-0.36</b>

Base Period 31/12/1983.

## Berlin team in Kuwait trade talks

By Keith Wells

A TRADE delegation from West Berlin was in Kuwait yesterday as part of a Gulf tour. The delegation of ten industrialists and bankers was headed by Senator Dr Guenter Rexrodt who is the Finance Minister of West Berlin.

The delegation held a press conference at the Hilton Hotel yesterday to report on the success of their mission.

Dr Rexrodt said that this was the first time that a delegation from West Berlin had visited the region and that they had been very encouraged by their reception.

The group had had meetings with the Minister of Commerce, the Undersecretary at the Ministry of Finance, the President of the Chamber of Commerce and the Governor of the Central Bank.

**Visit**

He explained that the present trip was just the beginning of what they hoped would be a long term relationship between the two cities.

Dr Bernd Wulffen, the West German Ambassador said that this visit is the first in a series of visits from all of the states of



Senator Dr Guenter Rexrodt, Minister of Finance of West Berlin (right) pictured with the West German Ambassador Dr Bernd Wulffen.

West Germany. He said that Berlin has a population of 2 million people and a GNP of \$30 billion per annum.

The major industries are electrical goods, machinery and pharmaceuticals all of which were represented in the delegation.

Finally a member of the Berlin Bank, one of the largest in West Germany, announced that in talks with the Kuwaiti Central

Bank it had been agreed that for the next five years a young Kuwaiti banker would be sent to the Berlin Bank for a six to eight week training course.

Furthermore, the Berlin Bank will be organising a seminar here in the autumn to provide information on West German Export/Import Regulations and export finance facilities. It is hoped that such measures will help to strengthen ties between Kuwait and West Berlin.

## Merrill Lynch sees recession within 18 months

NEW YORK, Feb 13, (Reuters): A US recession will begin within six to 18 months, with early 1989 being the most likely starting point, Merrill Lynch Chief Economist Donald Straszheim predicted yesterday.

"The US economy is badly out of balance, as the extreme volatility in the financial markets has attested," said Straszheim. "Continued high deficits in the federal budgets and on the trade account suggest that trouble is brewing."

He said, however, to expect a 'garden variety' recession and not a record-breaker.

The chief economist of the largest US brokerage firm also said the inflation outlook had improved. "Price increases will remain fairly subdued during the next year, primarily because wage settlements will be small," he said.

"We expect real GNP to fall by about one per cent in each of the first two quarters of 1989," Straszheim said.

After inflation, gross national product, which measures total output of goods and services, will grow by a modest 1.9 per cent in 1988 and 0.6 per cent in 1989, he said.

## Call to promote accounting standards

KUWAIT'S Minister of Commerce and Industry, Faisal Al Khaled, received in his office yesterday the Secretary General of the International Accounting Standards Committee, David H. Cairns, who is on a one-day business visit here at the invitation of the President of the Arab Society of Certified Accountants (Asca), Talal Abu-Ghazaleh. Abu-Ghazaleh and Mohammed Sultan, member of Board of Asca accompanied Cairns during his meeting with the minister.

They discussed the need to promote international harmonisation of accounting standards and financial reporting. The minister expressed the keen interest to develop higher standards in the accounting field.

The minister also expressed his satisfaction at the election of Asca to the Boards of both the International Accounting Standards Committee (Iasc) and the International Audit Practices Committee (Iapc) thus achieving Arab presence at the highest international professional levels. He also urged the Asca President to continue his efforts so that Asca may achieve the expectations of the Arab community.

**Resources**

Cairns confirmed the willingness of Iasc to place its resources at the disposal of Kuwait. He also presented to the minister a complete set of Iasc Standards issued so far and he urged that Asca expedite its translation of these 26 standards so that they may be put to better use by the community of accountants in the Arab world.

During his stay in Kuwait, Cairns will discuss with the Asca President plans for Asca's role in the Iasc and in developing and promoting international standards throughout the Arab world.

**Interest Rates**

FOLLOWING are the average KD interest rates of local inter-bank transactions as reported by participants to Central Bank of Kuwait yesterday.

Period	Bid	Offered
1 month	3-3/4	4-3/16
3 months	4	4-7/16
6 months	4-3/8	4-3/4
1 year	4-9/16	5

## Sheikh Ali back home

KUWAIT'S Oil Minister Sheikh Ali Al Khalifa returned here yesterday from Saudi Arabia at the end of a brief visit during which he met with Saudi Minister of Oil and Mineral Resources Hisham Nazer.

Informed oil sources told Kuna that the two ministers have reviewed the current situation in the international oil market and ways of bolstering the stability of the market in the next stage.



Two engineers of Mitsubishi Motors Corporation, K. Teramae and T. Tanaka, were in Kuwait recently to instruct Maseelah Trading Company service technicians in detailed engineering principles of all new commercial trucks in the Kuwait market and other important changes in the 1988 truck range. Picture shows the engineers instructing the technicians.

**KUWAIT**

BANK SECTOR	P.CLS	LT	HIGH	LOW	VOL	TRADE
-NATIONAL BANK	1.010	1.020	1.020	1.020	20000	
-GULF BANK	0.380	0.380	0.385	0.380	690000	2
-COMMERCIAL BK	0.255	0.255	0.255	0.255	450000	1
-AHLI BANK	0.340	0.340	0.340	0.340	100000	
-B.K.M.E	0.305	0.305	0.310	0.300	1180000	1
-K.R.E.B.	0.420	0.395	0.415	0.395	129356	
-BURGAN BANK	0.265	0.275	0.275	0.275	260000	1
-K.F.HOUSE	0.490	0.495	0.495	0.490	60000	
INVESTMENT SECTOR						
-KUT INV. CO.	0.204					
-K.F.T.C.I.C.	0.210					
-K.I.I.C.	0.168	0.174	0.176	0.168	940000	2
-COM.FACILITIES	0.430	0.430	0.430	0.430	80000	
-ALHLA INV.	0.000					
-I.F.A.	0.114	0.114	0.114	0.114	60000	
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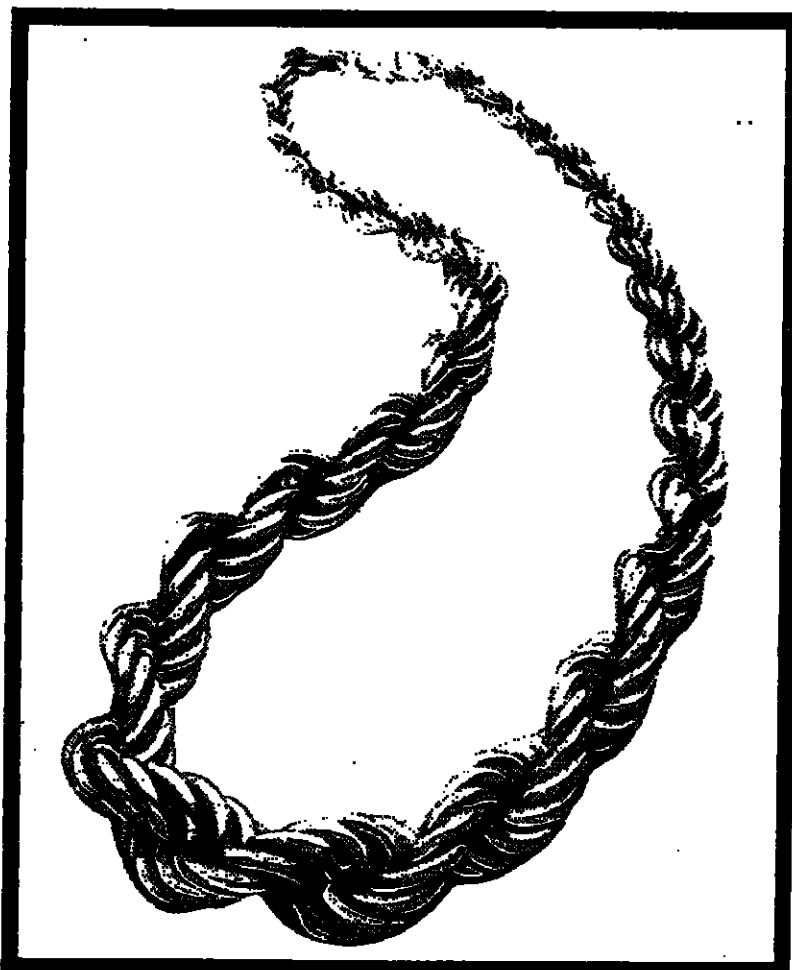
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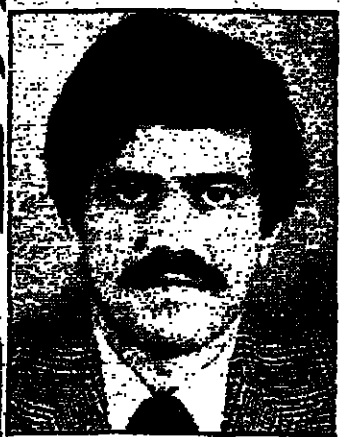




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## Flying Arrows defeat Hubara



Milind Borkar: 46 runs

FLYING Arrows asserted their position in the Burud League Trophy, with a very convincing win over Hubara CC, on Friday at the EPI grounds.

Captain Alex Rego, whose luck with the coin has been tremendous, once again won the toss and elected to bat.

Openers Verold Sirur and Imdad Ali started the proceedings very confidently, facing the Hubara bowlers Jimmy James and Clive Greenwood, but Verold was soon out having scored 13, to the bowling of Greenwood. Salim Busheiri who had just last week, top scored with 64, against NBK, was again in great form and scored a power-packed 85 runs in just 65 balls.

His knock was studded with some very elegant drives and superb cuts and pulls which got him 10 boundaries. When he was unlucky to miss his century he played a tired looking shot to Peter Pfeiffer and was bowled.

Salim was well supported by Milind Borkar for the 5th wicket partnership which produced 73 runs. Milind was in a punishing mood and he scored a magnificent 46 runs in 30 balls and was unfortunate to miss 50, when he was bowled by Mike D'Souza in the very last over of the match.

Francis Pereira smashed his way to a hurricane 28 not out in 14 balls and alongwith Milind had a very fruitful partnership of 46 valuable runs which took Flying Arrows to 235 runs for seven wickets, in their allotted 30 overs.

The other batsmen to score double figures were, Imdad Ali (18), and Albert D'Silva (21). Jimmy James picked up 2 wickets while Pfeiffer, Oliver, Mike, Greenwood, took a wicket each.

In reply, Hubara faced with the uphill task of scoring almost 80 runs per over totalling 174 runs for the loss of 4 wickets in 30 overs.

James scored a very confident 41 runs but was dismissed by Mukesh Mirchandani.

## New South Wales recover against Victoria

MELBOURNE, Feb 13, (Reuters): Greg Matthews, who had earlier returned career-best figures of six for 97, and Mark Waugh led New South Wales' recovery after they had lost their first four wickets for 80 in the Sheffield Shield match against Victoria today.

The pair shared an unbeaten stand of 74 to take their side to 154 for four in reply to Victoria's first innings score of 403. Waugh has made 53 and Matthews 28.

Earlier, Warren Whitehead and Michael Dimattina carried their sixth-wicket partnership to 104 after Victoria had resumed on the second day at 288 for five.

Whitehead was Victoria's top scorer, clubbing 15 fours in his innings of 80. Dimattina made 60, his highest Shield score.

## Sjoberg wins high jump

NAGOYA, Japan, Feb 13, (AP): Patrik Sjoberg of Sweden today won the men's high jump at an international track and field meet with a leap of 2.25 metres, shorter than his world indoor record of 2.41 metres.

It was his second triumph in three days.

Rick Naji of the United States, who also had a leap of 2.25 metres, came in second. Sjoberg won top place because he had fewer faults.

Sjoberg captured the same event with a leap of 2.30 metres on Thursday in an international track and field meet in Kobe.

Robert Emmian of the Soviet Union leaped 7.68 metres to win the men's long jump at the Aichi Municipal Gymnasium in Central Japan.

The pole vault went to France's Thierry Vigneron, who cleared a 5.6-metre bar.

Norifumi Yamashita of Japan captured the men's triple jump with a leap of 15.95 metres.

In the women's event, Tamara Bykova of the Soviet Union posed her second victory in three days, taking the high jump with a leap of 1.85 metres.

## HOME SIDE REELING AT 83 FOR FOUR IN REPLY TO ENGLAND'S 319

## Dilley rips New Zealand top apart

CHRISTCHURCH, New Zealand, Feb 13, (Reuters): Graham Dilley has often promised much for England and he delivered today by ripping New Zealand apart on the second day of the first cricket Test.

Bowling with fire and obtaining prodigious lift, Dilley took all the New Zealand wickets to fall and leave the home side reeling at 83 for four in reply to England's 319.

## Delayed

The start was delayed 40 minutes by bad light, and overnight rain which freshened the lush pitch allowed both Chatfield and Dilley to extract disconcerting lift.

Because bad light stopped play for more than an hour, the second day could have gone on for an extra hour after the scheduled close. But the poor light prevented all but seven minutes of that.

New Zealand's fourth different opening pairing in as many Tests this season proved no more effective than the others. John Wright was out before tea.

caught at short leg by Martyn Moxon for 10 with the score on 20.

Dilley's line improved after tea and he had Trevor Franklin caught at third slip by Athey. Then Andrew Jones was caught behind by Bruce French to a ball that reared off a length.

## Spell

He then had the prize wicket of Martin Crowe, caught bat-pad, again for 13 off nine overs will rate as one of the best in his career.

Jeff Crowe and John Braceywell gave the New Zealand score some respectability. The two added 43 with Crowe not out on 15 and Braceywell on 22.

For New Zealand, Ewen Chatfield bowled unchanged to collect four wickets for 31 runs for the day and four for 84 for the match.

He was unlucky yesterday but got David Capel with his first ball of the day, caught by Braceywell at second slip for 11.

## Scoreboard

ENGLAND first innings (overnight 235 for four)

C Broad c Smith b Seiden 114

M Moxon c Jones b Morrison 1

T Robinson c Smith b Morrison 70

M Gatting c sub (Greatbatch) b Morrison 8

B Athey c sub (Greatbatch) b Morrison 8

D Capel c Braceywell b Chatfield 11

B French c Smith b Chatfield 7

J Embury c Jones b Morrison 42

P Defries c Morrison b Chatfield 4

P Jarvis c Smith b Chatfield 14

G Dilley not out 19

Extras (lb-11 nb-7 w-1) 19

TOTAL 319

Fall of wickets: 1-7 2-175 3-186 4-

219 5-237 6-241 7-248 8-260 9-285

Bowling: Hadlee 18-3-50-0 (1ab),

Morrison 21.1-3-69-5 (1w), Chatfield

42-13-87-4, Seiden 33-13-87-1,

Braceywell 6-1-16-0.

NEW ZEALAND first innings

J Wright c Moxon b Dilley 10

T Franklin c Athey b Dilley 10

A Jones c French b Dilley 8

M Crowe c Moxon b Dilley 5

J Crowe not out 15

J Braceywell not out 22

Extras (lb-4 nb-4 w-2) 13

TOTAL (for four wickets) 83

Fall of wickets: 1-20 2-25 3-32 4-40

To bat: R. Hadlee, I. Smith, M.

Seiden, D. Morrison, E. Chatfield.

Bowling to date: Defries 11-2-21-0

(3ab), Dilley 12-5-13-4 (2ab),

Capel 6-0-26-0, Jarvis 3-1-11-0,

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Paul Jarvis of England hooks a ball off New Zealand bowler Martin Snedden as wicketkeeper Ian Smith looks on. (Reuters wirephoto)

## Australia in command

## McDermott puts Sri Lanka on the defensive

PERTH, Australia, Feb 13, (Reuters): Pace bowler Craig McDermott grabbed two wickets in two balls to put Sri Lanka on the defensive on the second day of their Test against Australia today.

At the close Sri Lanka were 85 for three in their first innings, still 171 short of avoiding the follow-on.

## Bounced back

Earlier, Sri Lanka's bowlers had bounced back from yesterday's wayward display to claim seven wickets for 122 and dismiss Australia for 455 midway through the second session.

The touring side's openers then rode their luck to reach 51 without loss before Brendon Kuruppu, on 19, slashed McDermott to gully where Geoff Marsh atoned for dropping the same batsman by holding a fine catch.

Next ball, Sanath Kaluperuma, a late replacement for the injured Asanka Gurusinha, played an indifferent shot to a full length ball and was adjudged lbw.

Sri Lanka's woes increased when medium-pace Steve Waugh was successful with another lbw decision against Aravinda de Silva to reduce Sri Lanka to 60 for three.

But opener Roshan Mahanama, with 37, and Arjuna Ranatunga, 11, held out until the close. McDermott ended the day with two for 23 off nine overs.

## Wasting

Neither side would be happy with the day's events. Sri Lanka for wasting their bowlers' fine display and Australia for a poor batting performance.

Ravi Ratnayake and Kaushik Amalean, with four wickets each, were the pick of the bowlers who refound their line and length on a pitch that still favoured the batsmen.

The bowling improvement with the new ball earned quick reward when Mike Veletia and century-maker Dean Jones, returning at 333 for three, were removed in successive overs.

Veletia was well caught by

wicketkeeper Guy de Alwis wide to his left off Ratnayake for 21 while Jones padded up once too often to Graeme Labrooy and was lbw for 102 after adding only two to his overnight score.

Steve Waugh was next out, caught superbly by a leaping Labrooy at mid-off for 20 to leave Australia 380 for six.

The last four wickets fell for 66 after lunch. Amalean was involved in all four dismissals, including a stinging catch at mid-off off Peter Taylor.

Ratnayake finished with four for 98 off 40 overs while Amalean took four for 97 off 22.2.

## Scoreboard

AUSTRALIA first innings (333 for three overnight)

G Marsh b Labrooy 53

D Boon b Ratnayake 64

D Jones lbw b Labrooy 102

A Border b Ratnayake 88

M Veletia c De Alwis b Ratnayake 21

S Waugh c Labrooy b Amalean 20

G Dyer c Ratnayake b Amalean 38

P Taylor c Amalean b Ratnayake 18

Extras (lb-3 nb-3 w-1) 7

TOTAL (for three wickets) 380

Fall of wickets: 1-51 2-61 3-60

To bat: Ranjan Madugalle, Ravi

Ratnayake, Guy de Alwis, Graeme

Labrooy, Champane Ramnayake,

Kaushik Amalean.

Bowling: McDermott 9-2-23-2

(7ab), Hughes 10-2-28-0 (1ab),

Dodds 10-4-17-0 (1w), Waugh 6-

3-11-1, Taylor 2-1-3-0.

A Dodds not out 16

McDermott c De Alwis b Amalean 4

M Hughes b Amalean 23

Extras (lb-12 nb-6 w-5) 23

TOTAL 455

Fall of wickets: 1-120 2-133 3-289

4-346 5-366 6-380 7-418 8-434 9-443

Bowling: Ratnayake 40-6-98-4

(1ab), Labrooy 36-5-108-2 (4ab, 1w),

Ratnayake 17-2-58-0 (3w),

Amalean 22-2-1-97-4 (1w),

Kaluperuma 13-0-62-0 (1ab),

Ranatunga 8-2-18-0, Aravinda De Silva 1-

0-2-0.

SRI LANKA first innings:

R Mahanama not out 37

B Kuruppu c Marsh b McDermott 19

S Kaluperuma lbw b McDermott 0

Aravinda de Silva lbw b Waugh 6

A Ratnayake not out 11

Extras (lb-3 nb-3 w-1) 12

TOTAL (for three wickets) 85

Fall of wickets: 1-51 2-61 3-60

To bat: Ranjan Madugalle, Ravi

Ratnayake, Guy de Alwis, Graeme

Labrooy, Champane Ramnayake,

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## Roberts takes lead in Hawaiian Open

HONOLULU, Hawaii, Feb 13, (AP): Loren Roberts compiled a bogey-free 66 and took a one-shot lead yesterday in the second round of the \$600,000 Hawaiian Open golf tournament.

Roberts, who hasn't won in seven seasons of PGA tour activity, reached the tournament halfway point in 134, 10 shots under par on the Waialae Country Club Course.

Roberts, 32, is a retired who returned to the tour's qualifying school last fall in an attempt to improve his exempt status from a 138th-place finish on the money-winning list.

He said he also "completely revamped my putting stroke" over the off-season, and has seen immediate improvement.

John Imman had another 68 in the hot, humid, windy weather and was at 136, two shots off the lead.

PGA champion Larry Nelson had a 67 and was at 137.

Tom Watson put a birdie-birdie finish on a round of 70 that left him at 139. Also at that figure was US Open champ Scott Simpson, who matched par 72.

Victorian Open

In Melbourne, Australian Peter McWhinney took advan-

age of a disastrous eight-over-par round of 80 by overnight leader Ossie Moore today to enter the final round of the Victorian Open two strokes clear of the field.

McWhinney shot 71 for a 54-hole total of 209, seven under the card.

Americans Jim Benepi, with a 74, and Mike Colorado, 70, shared second place on 211.

McWhinney handled the blustery conditions and increasingly quick greens confidently as below-par rounds became a rarity. Only four of the field of 65 managed to break par.

McWhinney feels he has regained enough self-confidence not to repeat his experience in the recent Palm Meadows tournament when he led going into the final round only to shoot a 79.

Hong Kong Open

In Hong Kong, Taiwanese Lu Chien-Soon shot a 3-under-par 68 today to retain his lead in the \$150,000 Hong Kong Golf Open tournament with a three-day total of 9-under-par 204.

Lu carded three birdies, two bogeys and dropped an eight-foot putt for an eagle on the par-5

## Ellis scores third round knockout over Tito

SYDNEY, Australia, Feb 13, (AP): Australian Lester Ellis scored a third-round knockout over Jun Tito of the Philippines in a non-title international lightweight boxing match in Sydney on last night.

Ellis, the former International Boxing Federation junior-lightweight champion, boxed cautiously for the first two rounds but fired a flurry of blows to Tito's mid-section early in the third round.

Tito sank to the canvas after 45 seconds of the third and failed to beat the count. He later complained of badly bruised ribs.

"I was just boxing along. I was waiting for the right opportunity to put the right punches in," said Ellis, ranked second in the junior-lightweight division by the World Boxing Council.

Ellis improved his record to 27 wins in 29 professional contests. Tito saw his log drop to 13 wins and nine losses with two draws and one no contest.

The Filipino was endorsed as an opponent for Ellis by the New South Wales State Boxing Commission despite record books revealing he had suffered six defeats and recorded one draw and the no contest since his last win in March 1985.

Ellis now will fight compatriot Pat Leggie in Brisbane on March 19 for the Australian light-welterweight title.

In the main support, Australian lightweight Renato Cornetti extended his unbeaten run to 13 fights with a fourth-round knockout over Edgar Estacio of the Philippines, who is also known as Gary Milanes.

## Pendleton stops Fuentes in quick knockouts

ATLANTIC CITY, New Jersey, Feb 13, (AP): Junior welterweight Fred Pendleton of the United States scored one of boxing's all-time quick knockouts in stopping Sammy Fuentes of Puerto Rico 14 seconds into their scheduled 10-round bout.

Pendleton, ranked sixth among International Boxing Federation lightweights, stormed off his stool in the opening round and buckled Fuentes' knees with an overhand right seconds into the fight last night.

Pendleton followed with two rights that made Fuentes sag to the canvas. Referee Joe Cortez then halted the fight.

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## SPORTS

KT Club  
announce  
rally dates

By Gail Seery

KTMSD, the motorsports division of the KT Club have now announced all the dates for their extended 1988-89 season of car rallies. The season was extended in order to facilitate the changeover from the traditional January to December season to a September to April season.

The season, which opened on January 15, will continue with the Kuwait International Rally on March 17 and 18. Mohammed Bin Sulayem and Saeed Al Hajri will both be taking part, and Al Hajri will be aiming to reverse his run of bad luck, which saw him taking second place in Qatar at the weekend. Bin Sulayem will also aim for a win, to speed him towards retaining his title for the third year running.

Most local drivers are expected to turn out for this two day event, for which any points scored towards the championship will be doubled. All drivers competing in the National Championship must drive in at least one of the two international events in the season.

Programme of KTMSD events for 1988/89:  
March 17 & 18, 1988 — Kuwait International  
April 15 — National Championship  
September 30 — National Championship  
October 21 — National Championship  
November 18 — Jeep Rally  
December 16 — National Championship  
January 20 1989 — National Championship  
March 16 & 17 1989 — Kuwait International  
April 7 1989 — National Championship  
Provisional Marlboro Desert Challenge Calendar 1988:  
May 26 & 27 — Bahrain  
June 14 & 15 — Jordan  
September 15 & 16 — Qatar  
October 19, 20 & 21 — Dubai  
November 18 — Kuwait

Edberg  
cruises  
into final

ROTTERDAM, Feb 13, (Reuters): Sweden's Stefan Edberg cruised into the final of the Rotterdam Grand Prix tournament today with an almost faultless 6-3 6-3 victory over Dutchman Michiel Schapers.

The world number two and top seed here disposed of Schapers in 80 minutes with a masterful display of sharp serving and varied volleying at the net.

Schapers, expected to give the Swede a run for his money after reaching the quarter-finals of the Australian Open last month, never really got into the match.

The Rotterdam-born player failed to return Edberg's serve convincingly and double-faulted on crucial points after Edberg broke him in his first service game.

In tomorrow's final, Edberg, the title-holder, meets the winner of today's second semifinal between Czechoslovak Miloslav Mecir and Jonas Svensson of Sweden.

Svensson disposed of second seed Jimmy Connors in a gruelling three-hour match which went on into the early hours of this morning.

The Swede, who was only seven when Connors first hit the top, reached the semi-finals with a 6-3 5-7 6-6 (8-6) victory over the American.

But the 21-year-old Swede, seeded sixth here, had to fight for every point in a gruelling three-hour match which went to a third-set tie break.

Noah and Dombia in semifinals

LYON, France, Feb 13, (Reuters): Top-seeded Yannick Noah of France and Senegal's Yaya Dombia, surprise packet of the Lyon Grand Prix tennis tournament, both reached the semifinals yesterday.

Noah defeated Australian Brod Dyke 6-4 6-2 after a tight start to the match which left him trailing 3-0.

## BEARDSLEY, BARNES AND ALDRIDGE IN GOAL SPREE

## Liverpool trounce Watford to extend unbeaten run

LONDON, Feb 13, (Reuters): Liverpool, striding imperiously towards the English soccer League title, routed Watford 4-1 away today to extend their unbeaten run in the First Division to 26 matches.

Two goals by Peter Beardsley, one by his England team-mate John Barnes against his former club, and another from John Aldridge swept Liverpool to their 20th League win.

Substitute Luther Blissett pulled one back for Watford — the first goal Liverpool have conceded in 11 League and Cup games — but their latest success continued to leave the rest of the division chasing shadows.

Liverpool have a 12-point lead and two games in hand over second placed Manchester United, who won 2-1 at Chelsea, while Nottingham Forest remain

in third place, 17 points behind the leaders, after a 1-1 draw at Southampton.

Defender Steve Bruce, Manchester United's recent signing from Norwich, scored his first goal for his new club and midfielder Liam O'Brien fired the second a minute later.

Forest trailed to a 38th-minute strike by Colin Clarke but Nigel Clough seized the equaliser 60 seconds before half-time.

**Revival**  
Liverpool's irresistible form ended a revival by Watford, who were undefeated in their last seven League and FA Cup matches, and gave the leaders a four-goal tally in a League game for the ninth time this season.

Liverpool put the result beyond all doubt with a three-goal burst in 12 minutes early in the second half.

Results	
English Division One	
Arsenal 2 Luton 1	
Charlton 1 Wimbledon 1	
Chelsea 1 Man United 2	
Coventry 3 Sh. Wednesday 0	
Everton 2 QPR 0	
Newcastle 1 Norwich 3	
Oxford 0 Tottenham 0	
Southampton 1 Notts Forest 1	
Watford 1 Liverpool 4	
West Ham 1 Portsmouth 1	
English Division Two	
Barnsley 0 Blackburn 1	
Bradford 5 Oldham 3	
Huddersfield 0 Swindon 3	
Hull 0 Stoke 2	
Ipswich 1 Plymouth 2	
Leicester 3 Leeds 2	
Man. City 2 Bournemouth 0	
Reading 2 Millwall 3	
Sheff. Wed 0 Shrewsbury 1	
Sh. United 0 Wigan 1	
Wen. Bron 1 C. Palace 0	
Playing Sunday: Middlesbrough v Aston Villa	
English Division Three	
Brighton 0 Southend 0	
Bury 1 Northampton 0	
Chesham 1 Wigan 0	
Dorchester 2 Rotherham 2	
Gillingham 2 Aldershot 1	

Mansfield 2 York 1	
Notts County 2 Blackpool 3	
Port Vale 2 Grimsby 0	
Preston 2 Sunderland 2	
Walsall 0 Chesterfield 0	
Playing Sunday: Brentford v Fulham	
English Division Four	
Barnley 2 Darrington 1	
Carlisle 2 Colchester 1	
Crawley 2 Newport 0	
Exeter 2 Wotterhampton 4	
Halifax v Carlisle postponed	
Hartlepool 1 Rochdale 1	
Hendon 0 Wrexham 2	
Peterborough 2 Truro 1	
Scarborough 0 Cambridge 0	
Scunthorpe 3 Leyton Orient 2	
Torquay v Swansea postponed	
Played yesterday:	
Stockport 1 Bolton 2	
Scottish Premier Division	
Dundee 1 Celtic 2	
Dundfermline 0 Dundee United 3	
Heart of Midlothian 2 Aberdeen 2	
Morton v Falkirk postponed	
Motherwell 0 Hibernian 2	
Rangers 4 St Mirren 0	
Scottish Division One	
Airdrieonians 3 Forth 0	
Clyde v Queen of the South postponed	
Cydebank v East Fife postponed	
Kilmarnock 2 Kilmory Camp 1	
Meadowbank 2 Hamilton 1	

Raith 1 Dumbarton 1	
Scottish Division Two	
Alloa 3 Brechin 0	
Berwick 0 Arbroath 1	
Montrose 0 Albion 0	
Queen's Park 1 East Stirling 2	
St Johnstone v Stirling postponed	
Stranraer v Cowdenbeath postponed	
English Division Two	
Aston Villa 31 17 10 4 50 25 61	
Blackburn 31 17 9 5 45 28 60	
Crystal Palace 32 17 4 11 66 48 55	
Millwall 32 17 4 11 52 40 55	
Bradford 30 16 6 8 48 38 54	
Middlesbrough 30 15 8 7 41 24 53	
Leeds 32 14 8 10 45 41 50	
Hull 30 13 10 7 43 40 49	
Ipswich 31 13 7 11 41 32 46	
Swindon 31 13 6 12 60 45 45	
Manchester City 31 12 7 12 37 39 43	
Sheff. Wed 30 12 6 12 48 46 42	
Oldham 31 11 7 13 42 45 40	
Barnsley 28 11 6 11 42 37 39	
Birmingham 31 10 8 13 31 48 38	
Bournemouth 30 9 7 14 43 49 34	
West Brom 32 9 5 18 36 54 32	
Sheff. United 30 8 7 15 39 46 31	
Shrewsbury 31 8 6 17 32 53 30	
Sheff. Wednesday 32 6 11 15 27 42 29	
Reading 30 6 6 18 34 57 34	
Huddersfield 30 4 8 18 31 71 20	

Standings	
Tabulate — played, won, drawn, lost, goals for, against, points	
English Division One	
Liverpool 26 20 6 0 63 12 66	
Manchester U 28 15 9 4 43 27 54	
Notts Forest 26 14 7 5 30 24 49	
Everton 26 13 7 6 38 16 46	
Arsenal 27 13 6 8 39 26 45	
QPR 27 12 7 8 32 30 43	
Wimbledon 27 11 9 7 40 31 42	
Luton 26 11 5 10 40 32 38	
Sheff. Wed 27 11 4 12 33 42 37	
Tottenham 27 9 7 11 26 31 34	
Southampton 27 8 10 35 39 33	
Newcastle 26 8 9 9 31 38 33	
West Ham 27 7 11 9 29 35 32	
Chelsea 28 8 7 13 34 47 31	
Portsmouth 28 6 12 10 27 44 30	
Norwich 27 8 5 14 26 34 29	

## Unpredictable winter weather may be a spoiler

## Opening ceremony deliberately cloaked in mystery

CALGARY, Alberta, Feb 13, (AP): A Winter Olympics of superlatives flashes into glittering life today with an opening ceremony that has been deliberately cloaked in mystery.

"We want this to be... a whodunit (mystery story)," Terry Steward, head of media information for the Calgary Games, said on the eve of the opening. "We don't want to spoil it."

One potential spoiler — unpredictable winter weather — again reared its ugly head yesterday.

Winds gusting to 150 kph (94 mph) forced abridgement of the fourth training run for the men's downhill title on Sunday.

At the Nordic site in Canmore, officials had to restrict the women's 10-kilometer cross-country training to preserve a track made soft by two days of warm Chinook winds. Chinook is an Indian word meaning

## 1988 Winter Olympics

"snow-eater."

A drastic shift from thaw to deep freeze was predicted overnight, and the 60,000 spectators planning to attend today's ceremony were cautioned to bundle up for "unpleasant" minus 8 degree C (18 F) temperatures. An estimated 2 billion people worldwide will watch the ceremony in comfort on television.

Athletic action starts right after the ceremonial opening, which is set to begin at 1 pm (2000 GMT). The Group B ice hockey matches pit Czechoslovakia against West Germany, Norway against defending champion Soviet Union and the United States against Austria.

East Germany, the Soviet Union and Switzerland are favourites in the race for 46 gold

medals in 10 sports.

Calgary, a boom town recovering from the near bust of an oil glut, is putting on a show to baffle its oil and cattle barons as well as the bevy of royalty on hands as spectators, officials and athletes.

These are the most expensive Winter Games: cost \$800 million.

The longest: 16 days of competition.

The biggest: 1,789 athletes from 57 countries.

A record 1.5 million tickets have been sold, leaving another 300,000 still available, mostly for outdoors events.

Among the innovations are an indoor Olympic speed-skating track that is expected to produce new world records and demonstrations of short-track speed

skating and acrobatic freestyle skiing — two potential future Olympic events.

**Gruelling**

The 89-day, 17,350-kilometre (11,160-mile) Olympic torch relay across Canada has to rate as the most gruelling — even though more than half of the distance was covered by plane and helicopter.

Skis, dogsleds, ice skates and snow shoes also were used for the most rugged terrain. Several cases of frostbite were reported among the 6,214 runners as temperatures dipped as low as 40 below zero in northern Alberta.

The long, hard trail ends today in Calgary's McMahon stadium, where the torch will be used to ignite the Olympic flame, which will burn until the closing ceremony on Feb 28.

Like other details of the opening ceremony, the name of the final torch bearer was being kept secret. But some information has



Participants wave flags during a rehearsal of the opening ceremony at McMahon stadium in Calgary.

leaked out: About 1,600 people will participate in the show, including Indians on horseback, square

dancers and hundreds of school-children dressed in a variety of costumes and waving colourful flags.

Debi Thomas leaves  
her skates at home

CALGARY, Feb 13, (Reuters): American skating darling Debi Thomas came to the Olympic Games yesterday — but left her skates at home.

The US and former world champion said she did not plan to practise at all during the three days she is here before she returns to her training base at Colorado Springs on Sunday.

She and the other members of the US women's skating team, Caryn Kadavy and Jill Trenary, will also go back to Colorado on Sunday after today's opening ceremonies, though both practised last morning.

They will return to Calgary next Friday. Their event, the last of the figure skating programme, starts on Feb 24.

Thomas, who won the world title from Katarina Witt in 1986 before handing it back to the East German last year, said her skates were in California being sharpened.

"It's no problem. I'm not afraid of losing anything and I've skated in the add-on here before," she said.

But Thomas, 20, said she was irritated by the constant references to the gold medal battle between herself and Witt.

"It bugs me every time I hear it," she said. "We're not the only two in the competition. There are others who are thinking of winning, too. I'm not thinking Katarina is the only person I have to beat."

But the California medal student, who has eased off on her studies to prepare for Calgary, said she felt that if it did boil down to the two of them, there would be a definite advantage to skating after Witt.

"You would have a better chance of getting higher marks," she explained. "But then she could go on and give the performance of her life, and it would be tough to follow that."

When Witt beat Thomas last year, the East German followed an excellent programme from the American, with an even better one herself.

"I skated what was pretty much the best performance I could have done, given the circumstances," Thomas said. "I had sore ankles and had to soak them in ice after every time I skated. Considering how much training I did, it was an amazing performance."

Katarina had trained all year to get the title back and I had sore feet," she added.

Asians have good  
medal chances  
in speed skating

CALGARY, Alberta, Feb 13, (AP): Two Soviets and an East German are most likely to sprint off with the 500-meter men's speed skating title tomorrow, while Asians have their best chance for a Winter Olympic medal in the event.

Japan is fielding Akira Kuroiwa, the 1983 and 1987 overall world sprint champion, and South Korea has entered Bae Ki-Tae, who won two 500-meter races in December on the Calgary indoor track where the Olympic races are being run.

They will be battling Sergei Fokichev and Igor Zhelezovsky of the Soviet Union, East Germany's Jens Mey, Jan Ykema of the Netherlands and Canada's Gaetan Boucher, among others aiming for the world records predicted for the windless rink.

American Nick Thometz, who holds the world record of 36.55 seconds, is also a threat, as is teammate Dan Jansen.

The speed skating is being held indoors for the first time in the Winter Olympics. Sprinters reach speeds of more than 48 kilometres (30 miles) an hour, the fastest speeds achieved by human beings over a flat surface without mechanical aids.

## Italian edges Swiss skiers

MOUNTALLAN, Alberta, Feb 13, (AP): Italy's Danilo Sbardellotto, a non-winner in nine seasons of World Cup racing, edged three Swiss skiers and an Austrian yesterday in an abbreviated Olympic men's downhill training run.

The scheduled men's downhill run from the standard start was cancelled by winds gusting to 90 mph (140 kph) at the top of Mount Allan, but skiers were able to negotiate a shorter course farther down the mountain which will be used to determine the men's combined title at these Olympics.

Sbardellotto, 27, was clocked in 1 minute, 47.34 seconds. The Swiss trio of Franz Heinzer, Pirmin Zurbriggen and Peter Mueller ran 2-4-5 in 1:47.98, 1:48.15 and 1:48.51, respectively. Guenther Mader of Austria, who wore No. 43, slipped into third at 1:48.01.

Zurbriggen, the World Cup leader, had handily won the first two regular downhill training runs on Wednesday and Thursday. The Swiss finished ninth in the third training run Thursday afternoon — 2.5 seconds slower than Canada's Folter Belczyk, who had the best time of 1:48.16.

Austrian Anton Steiner was sixth yesterday in 1:48.58. "I used the skis Peter Mueller

used yesterday, and they were very fast," said Sbardellotto, who competes for the same ski manufacturer as does Mueller. "I hope he doesn't want them back."

"I'm aiming for the medal. I didn't come just to participate. I skied very well on the turns at the top. I was able to keep a perfect line to the bottom, too."

Sbardellotto said he plans to cut short his Olympic competition to return home to be with his ailing mother.

Zurbriggen, noticeably testy at the finish, said he was disturbed by gusts of wind throughout his run.

Marc Girardelli of Luxembourg said there was no wind on the top, but he stopped after missing a gate two-thirds of the way down.

"I was not inspired today," said Canada's Belczyk, who placed 14th, "I made some bad mistakes on the top."

Italian Giorgio Piantanida, the second skier out of the start, lost control about 20 seconds into his run and slid into a fence. He suffered facial cuts, bruised ribs and an apparent injury to his left knee and had to be assisted off the mountain.

He was taken to a clinic for examination, and team officials

said he likely would miss Sunday's race.

Women downhillers also held their first training run on an adjacent hill, but it was not timed.

Michela Figini of Switzerland, the World Cup downhill standings leader and the defending Olympic downhill champion, called the course "very short" but conceded it was about the same length as the course at Sarajevo where she triumphed four years ago.

"I prefer longer and tougher courses," she said. "There, it is possible to recover from your mistakes. On courses this short, if you make a mistake it will probably cost you the race."

**Somewhat easy**  
Her main rival, teammate Maria Walliser, called the course "somewhat easy except for a few turns in the upper park where you can't see the next gate. It is short, about 1:30. But it is like this, so we must adapt."

In the third training run on Thursday, Switzerland's Daniel Maher finished second in 1:48.45, and Franck Piccard of France was third in 1:48.62.

Michael Mair of Italy was fourth in 1:49.55, followed by Niklas Henning of Sweden in 1:49.68 and Giorgio Piantanida of Italy in 1:50.13.

## Navratilova beats Potter in quarterfinals

DALLAS, Feb 13, (AP): Top-seeded Martina Navratilova had an early scare last night but switched to more conservative tactics and overcame sixth-seeded Barbara Potter, 67 (7-2), 6-2, 6-1 in the quarterfinals of the Virginia Slims of Dallas.

Navratilova will meet fourth-seeded Zina Garrison in tonight's semifinals. Navratilova, 18-0 against Garrison in career matches, has won seven of the last nine Dallas events. Navratilova wasn't entered in last year's tournament.

Pam Shriver, the second seed, fought off the first-set challenge of 16-year-old Natalia Zvereva of the Soviet Union 7-5, 6-1 to advance to the other semifinal spot opposite third-seeded Manuela Maleeva of Bulgaria.

**Decided**  
Potter took charge of the first set by beating Navratilova to the net while Navratilova was trying to be too fine. But Navratilova decided to keep more balls in play and she said that tactical change ultimately won the match.

"I had to dig in my heels," Navratilova said. "I decided to keep more balls in play and not try to hit a winner every time."

"I knew I was in for a dogfight because she's a fighter. But I started to get into the flow of the match in the second set."

Navratilova got a service break in the second game of the second set, then broke again in the eighth game to even the match.

She broke again in the second game of the third set and broke again in the fourth game to take control.

"She didn't handle the big points in the first set," Potter said. "But then things started going her way. If I'm going to beat her I've got to raise my level of fitness another notch."

Shriver fell behind 4-3 in the first set after losing her serve in the third and seventh games. But Shriver broke back in the eighth game to even the set.

Both players held serve until the 12th game when Zvereva, the eighth seed, was broken in a game that went to three deuces.

Zvereva, the top junior in the world and one of six Soviet players competing in the tournament, was in position to take control of the first set in the eighth game. Already leading 4-3, she was twice in position to win the game and go up 5-3 but was unable to take the decisive point.

**Lost**  
Zvereva lost her serve in the third game of the second set, double-faulting on the decisive point. She was broken again in the sixth game, and Shriver held to take the match.

"I played a couple of shaky games in the first set," said Shriver, whose serve-and-volley game proved too much for the young Soviet. "If I'd continued to play that way, she would have won the set. I was in a position where I had to dig out some big points."

Shriver's pre-match plan to

attack Zvereva's backhand also proved successful.

"What it came down to was I was attacking her backhand and she couldn't come up with the passing shots," Shriver said.

Zvereva, speaking through her interpreter and coach, Olga Morozova, said she learned from the match. Yesterday was Zvereva's first match against Shriver.

"The next time I play her, I have to be more aggressive and go to the net more often," Zvereva said. "If I'd won that first set, it might have been a different story. I had a lot of chances."

Manuela Maleeva had little trouble in eliminating Mary Lou Daniels of the United States, 6-2, 6-1.

Garrison advanced with a 6-2, 6-2 victory over Maleeva's younger sister Katerina, who was the seventh seed.

Navratilova  
top seed

OAKLAND, California, Feb 13, (UPI): Martina Navratilova has been given the top seed in the \$250,000 Virginia Slims tournament to be held next week at the Oakland Coliseum Arena, officials announced yesterday.

Gabriela Sabatini was given the No. 2 seed, followed by Hana Mandlikova, Zina Garrison, Sylvia Hanika, Natalia Zvereva, Mary Joe Fernandez and Catarina Lindqvist.

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